



Town of Rowe MASSACHUSETTS

2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Front Cover Photo..... ***Waterfall on Mill Pond***
Back Cover Photo..... Top..... ***Springtime on Ford Hill Road***
Bottom..... ***Aerial View of Rowe Center***

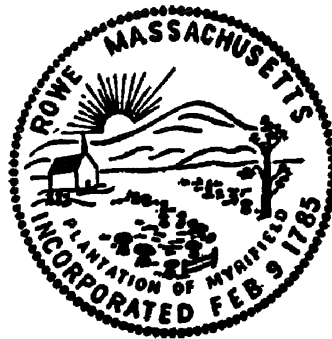
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Two Hundred and Fourteenth

Annual Report

of the

Town of Rowe Massachusetts



For the Year Ending

December 31, 2000

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TOWN OF ROWE

County of Franklin Commonwealth of Massachusetts *(Originally Known as the Plantation of Myrifiield)*

INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 9, 1785

POPULATION 369 (2000)
TOTAL AREA: 24.07 SQUARE MILES
LAND AREA: 23.55 SQUARE MILES
PUBLIC ROADS: 45.30 MILES
ELEVATION: 1,370 FEET
LONGITUDE: W 072 53 55
LATITUDE: N 42 41 42

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Board of Selectmen, Open Town Meeting
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Second Monday in May
ANNUAL ELECTION: First Saturday following Annual Town Meeting

Fiscal Year 2001 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations*:

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>TAX RATE</u> | <u>VALUATION</u> | <u>LEVY</u> | <u>% OF TOTAL</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Residential | 3.36 per thousand | 25,236,515.00 | 84,794.69 | 3.9565% |
| Commercial | 5.28 per thousand | 109,485.00 | 578.08 | 0.0270% |
| Industrial | 5.28 per thousand | 283,662,328.00 | 1,497,737.09 | 69.9685% |
| Personal | 5.28 per thousand | 105,600,800.00 | 557,572.22 | 26.0476% |
| Total | | 414,609,128.00 | 2,140,682.08 | 99.9996% |

Fiscal Year 2001 Revenue Sources

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Tax Levy | 2,140,682.08 |
| Local Receipts | 65,811.00 |
| Cherry Sheet | 65,106.00 |
| Free Cash | 190,236.65 |
| Total | 2,461,835.73 |

Fiscal Year 2001 Appropriations and Charges

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriations | 2,402,815.65 |
| Cherry Sheet Offsets | 2,371.00 |
| Cherry Sheet Charges | 496.00 |
| Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions | 56,153.08 |
| Total | 2,461,835.73 |

**Information is from the Assessors Tax Rate Recapitulation dated 12/15/2000*

Office Hours / Meeting Schedules

| | |
|--|---|
| Town Office | Weekdays 8 am to noon, 1 pm to 4 pm (Except for Legal Holidays) |
| Town Clerk | Wednesday 8 am to 11 am |
| Tax Collector | Thursday 9 am to noon |
| Board of Selectmen/ Board of Health | Every other Tuesday 7 pm |
| Assessors' Clerk | Wednesday 9 am to noon |
| Public Health Nurse | Monday 8 am to noon, 1 pm to 3 pm office, 3 pm to 5 pm house calls Tuesday 2 pm - 6 pm Thursday 8 am to noon, 1 pm to 3 pm office, 3 pm to 5 pm house calls |
| Assessors | As posted |
| School Committee | As posted |
| Finance Committee | As posted |
| Conservation Commission | As posted |
| Park Commission | As posted |
| Planning Board | As posted |

All other Committee, Commission and Board meetings are held as posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board at least 48 hours (not including Sundays or legal holidays) prior to the time and date of the meeting. All meetings are public and citizens are encouraged to attend. With the exception of School Committee meetings, which are held at the school, and Library Trustee Meetings, which are held at the Library, all meetings are held at the Town Hall.

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 339-5520
FAX NUMBER 339-5316

EMERGENCY PHONE (*Medical, Fire & Police*)

DIAL 9-1-1

Federal, State and County Officials



President of the United States

George W. Bush
The White House
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FAX 202/456-2461
E-mail President@whitehouse.gov

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1-617/565-3170 (Boston)
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Members of the Massachusetts General Court

Senator Andrea Nucifero
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E-mail Rep.ShaunKelly@house.state.ma.us

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1-413/532-7010
E-mail olver@hr.house.gov

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
425 Main Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
1-413-774-3167
E-mail muniserv@frcog.org

Elected Town Officials

| | Term Expires | | Term Expires |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH | | PARK COMMISSION | |
| Ellen L. Foberg, Chair, BOS | 2001 | Russell W. Jolly (Resigned) | 2001 |
| Mary Jo A. Phelps, Chair, BOH | 2002 | Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr. (Appointed) | 2001 |
| Geoffrey N. Bagley | 2003 | John H. Williams | 2002 |
| | | William A. Loomis, Chairman | 2003 |
| BOARD OF ASSESSORS | | CEMETERY COMMISSION | |
| Leonard J. Laffond | 2001 | James H. Williams | 2001 |
| Frederick N. Williams, Chairman | 2002 | James W. Taylor | 2002 |
| Ellen L. Foberg | 2003 | Richard A. Tower | 2003 |
| TOWN CLERK | | PLANNING BOARD | |
| Susan C. Wood | 2001 | Michael M. Posever | 2001 |
| TREASURER | | Douglas C. Corarito (Appointed) | 2001 |
| Susan A. Williams | 2001 | Rebecca P. Bradley | 2002 |
| TAX COLLECTOR | | Mary Jo A. Phelps | 2003 |
| Sandra L. Daviau | 2001 | Carol F. Lively (Resigned) | 2004 |
| | | Prudence Berry | 2005 |
| MODERATOR | | FINANCE COMMITTEE | |
| Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr. (Resigned) | 2001 | Jean A. Atwood | 2001 |
| Robert J. Clancy | 2001 | Aristia F. Veber | 2002 |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES | | Kevin D. Sprague (Resigned) | 2002 |
| Kathleen Oliver | 2001 | Joseph A. Ricotta | 2003 |
| Laurie J. Pike | 2002 | Dorothy F. Page (Chairman) | 2003 |
| Susan A. Williams | 2003 | CONSTABLE | |
| SCHOOL COMMITTEE | | Christine A. Tower | 2001 |
| Margaret M. Woodside | 2001 | | |
| Margaret B. Rice, Chairman | 2002 | | |
| Susan B. Taylor | 2003 | | |

Respectfully submitted,
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

Appointed Town Officials

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

James W. Taylor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

Albert R. Williams, Assistant Superintendent
Daniel R. Phelps, Jr.
Lance P. Larned

FIRE CHIEF

Edwin L. May

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Frederick N. Williams
Daniel J. Miller
Dennis F. May
Paul McLatchy, Jr.
William N. Reardon
Robert O. Williams

Deputy Chief
Lieutenant
Captain
Captain
Lieutenant
Lieutenant

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Henry J. Dandeneau, Police Chief
Gail May
Michael D. Smith
Holland Herzig
Melinda Dyer
Charles Bellows
Jared Bellows

ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR ROWE SCHOOL

Gail May

CONSTABLE

Melissa S. Quinn

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH/TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Melissa S. Quinn

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Sandra P. Daviau

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Cindy N. Laffond

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

None

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

William G. Foster

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Peter J. Codogni

WIRING INSPECTOR

John F. Rossi

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Emil Begiebing

DOG OFFICER

Albert R. Williams.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor

AGENT FOR VETERANS

David F. Scrivens

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER

Edwin L. May

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Ruth E. Loomis, APRN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Jean Paul Migeon, EMT Coordinator
Gail May, EMT
Daniel J. Miller, EMT

RECYCLING COORDINATOR/TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

Richard A. Tower

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Mary Jo A. Phelps

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

James W. Lively, Chief Supervisor
Edwin A. Palmer, Supervisor
Joe Lively
Brittani Sprague
Abbie Lively
Kirsten Foberg
Seth May
Melissa Boutwell
Ben Foberg

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Geoffrey N. Bagley, Chairman
Robert R. Rice
John H. Williams
Robert J. Clancy
Vacant

TREE WARDEN

James W. Taylor

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

Ellsworth E. Palmer
James H. Williams
Thomas P. Danek, Jr.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST/ELM
DISEASE CONTROL**

Albert R. Williams

FENCE VIEWERS

James H. Williams
Leonard J. Laffond
Efford H. Pierce

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Albert R. Williams

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Sandra P. Daviau (Resigned)
Helen R. Shields
Judith A. Pierce
Susan C. Wood

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Geoffrey N. Bagley

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

Leonard J. Laffond

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Norma J. Donelson, Chairman
Robert J. Clancy
Anne E. Besgen
Mary E. Lenth
Marilyn Wilson

TOWN COUNSEL

Craig W. Barry, Jr. Esq.
(Bartlett & Barry, LLP)

HEALTH AGENT/SANITARIAN

Sharon White

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia M. Laffond, Chairman
Ellen L. Foberg
Richard A. Tower
Carol F. Lively
Joanne Brown

COUNCIL ON AGING

Leonard J. Laffond
Ellen L. Foberg
Sandy P. Daviau

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Henry J. Dandeneau | Term expires in 2001 |
| Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr. (Resigned) | Term expires in 2002 |
| George L. Gaudry | Term expires in 2002 |
| Lillian H. Danek | Term expires in 2003 |
| Floyd W. Smith | Term expires in 2003 |

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.
Lillian H. Danek
Virginia Pearl Jurentkuff
Richard E. Alix
Thomas P. Danek, Jr.
Debora J. Danek
Anne Besgen
Peter Besgen
Carol F. Lively
Melissa S. Quinn

COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE

Ruth E. Loomis, Chairman
Melissa S. Quinn, Vice Chairman (Resigned)
John H. Williams
Robert J. Clancy
Laurie J. Pike
Roberta T. Baker
Margaret M. Woodside
Gerrit C. White (Resigned)
Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.

TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN

Florence M. Veber

Appointed Town Officials Sworn In By Town Clerk

| Name | Appointment | Day Sworn In |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Ann Besgan | Old Home Day Committee | March 7, 2000 |
| Peter Besgan | Old Home Day Committee | March 7, 2000 |
| Carol Lively | Old Home Day Committee | March 7, 2000 |
| Melissa Quinn | Old Home Day committee | March 7, 2000 |
| Pearl Jurentkuff | Old Home Day Committee | March 14, 2000 |
| Karl E. Jurentkuff | Old Home Day Committee | March 14, 2000 |
| Lillian Danek | Old Home Day Committee | April 12, 2000 |
| Sandra Daviau | Election Officer | April 4, 2000 |
| Willian Brown | Election Officer | April 11, 2000 |
| Barbara Stickney | Election Officer | April 11, 2000 |
| Robin Reed | Election Officer | May 2, 2000 |
| Lillian Danek | Election Officer/Warden | May 13, 2000 |
| Barbara Grogan | Constable for May Election | May 13, 2000 |
| Barbara Grogan | Election Worker | May 13, 2000 |
| Sandra Daviau | Board of Registrars | April 29, 2000 (for one day) |
| Florence Veber | Town Hall Custodian | May 30, 2000 |
| Sharon White | Health Agent/Sanitarian | May 30, 2000 |
| Melissa S. Quinn | Constable | May 30, 2000 |
| Melissa S. Quinn | Administrative Assistant | May 30, 2000 |
| Melissa S. Quinn | Town Accountant | May 30, 2000 |
| Henry J. Dandeneau | Chief Special Police Officer | June 1, 2000 |
| Jared Bellows | Special Police Officer | June 1, 2000 |
| Cynthia N. Laffond | Assistant Town Treasurer | June 2, 2000 |
| John F. Rossi | Wiring Inspector | June 6, 2000 |
| Mary E. Lenth | Cultural Council | June 6, 2000 |
| Norma J. Donelson | Cultural Council | June 6, 2000 |
| Edwin L. May | Hazardous Materials Control Officer | June 6, 2000 |
| Edwin L. May | Civil Defense Director | June 6, 2000 |
| Edwin L. May | Chief Rowe Fire Department | June 6, 2000 |
| Paul McLatchy | Captain Rowe Fire Department | June 9, 2000 |
| Dennis May | Captain Rowe Fire Department | June 21, 2000 |
| Albert R. Williams | Animal Inspector | June 6, 2000 |
| Albert R. Williams | Dog Officer | June 6, 2000 |
| Albert R. Williams | Insect Pest/Elm Disease Control | June 6, 2000 |
| Albert R. Williams | Assistant Superintendent DPW | June 6, 2000 |
| Lance P. Larned | Town Road Crew | June 6, 2000 |
| Daniel R. Phelps | Town Road Crew | June 6, 2000 |
| Efford H. Pierce | Fence Viewer | July 18, 2000 |
| Leonard J. Laffond | Fence Viewer | June 6, 2000 |
| Leonard J. Laffond | Franklin Regional Council Of Governments Representative | June 6, 2000 |
| David F. Scrivens | Agent For Veterans | June 6, 2000 |
| Sandra P. Daviau | Assessors Clerk | June 6, 2000 |
| Richard A. Tower, SR | Recycling Coordinator | June 6, 2000 |
| Richard A. Tower, SR | Transfer Station Attendant | June 6, 2000 |
| John H. Williams | Conservation Commission | June 6, 2000 |
| Ellsworth E. Palmer | Measurer of Wood, Bark & Lumber | June 8, 2000 |
| Robert J. Clancy | Conservation Commission | June 9, 2000 |
| Robert J. Clancy | Cultural Council | June 9, 2000 |
| James W. Taylor | Environmental Officer | June 13, 2000 |
| James W. Taylor | DPW Superintendent | June 13, 2000 |
| James W. Taylor | Tree Warden | June 13, 2000 |
| Marilyn Wilson | Cultural Council | June 13, 2000 |
| Ruth E. Loomis | Public Health Nurse | June 13, 2000 |
| Gail May | EMT | June 20, 2000 |
| Gail May | School Attendance Officer | June 20, 2000 |

| Name | Appointment | Day Sworn In |
|------------------|---|---------------------|
| Gail May | Special Police Officer | June 20, 2000 |
| Emil Begiebing | Assist. Wiring Inspector | June 20, 2000 |
| Melinda Dyer | Special Police Officer | June 22, 2000 |
| Geoffrey Bagley | Solid Waste Manage. District Representative | July 11, 2000 |
| Geoffrey Bagley | Conservation Commission | July 11, 2000 |
| Anne E. Besgan | Cultural Council | July 11, 2000 |
| Charles Bellows | Special Police Officer | July 17, 2000 |
| David Scrivens | Veterans Burial Agent | July 21, 2000 |
| Ruth Loomis | Rowe Community Center Committee | October 5, 2000 |
| Douglas Corarito | Planning Board | December 7, 2000 |

Resignations Received by Clerk

| Name | Office | Effective Date |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Sandra P. Daviau | Registrar of Voters | February 14, 2000 |
| Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr. | Moderator | March 13, 2000 |
| Russell W. Jolly | Park Commission | July 29, 2000 |

Town Clerk – Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

| Date | Name | Parents | Place of Birth |
|----------|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 03/16/00 | Brianne Morgan Cousineau | Heidi (Lehr) Cousineau David A. Cousineau | Greenfield, MA |
| 05/09/00 | Hailey Grace Larned | Helen Huff Lance P. Larned | Greenfield, MA |
| 07/15/00 | Henry Mark Poehlein | Jennifer S. Mark Gregory D. Poehlein | Northampton, MA |
| 09/19/00 | Jordan Sierra Rice | Jennifer (Loomis) Rice Dean T. Rice | Greenfield, MA |

MARRIAGES

| Date | Names of Parties | Residence |
|----------|---------------------------------|--|
| 06/27/00 | Scott Boutwell Rebecca Smith | 7 Potter Road, Rowe, MA 7 Potter Road, Rowe, MA |

DEATHS

| Date | Name | Age | Place of Death |
|----------|-------------------|-----|----------------|
| 01/08/00 | Jean B. Bernhardt | 71 | Greenfield, MA |
| 07/26/00 | Sophie Kane | 94 | Rowe, MA |

Respectfully submitted,
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

In Remembrance



Jean B. Bernhardt
01/08/00



Sophie Kane
07/26/00

Town Clerk

Licenses Sold

Dog Licenses

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 40 Males @ 3.00 | \$120.00 |
| 38 Spayed Females @ 3.00 | 114.00 |
| 3 Females @ 6.00 | 18.00 |
| 1 Kennel @ 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Sub-total | <u>\$302.00</u> |
| Clerk fees retained | <u>\$61.50</u> |
| Total remitted to Treasurer | \$240.50 |

Sporting Licenses

Resident Hunting/Fishing Licenses

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 18 Resident Fishing @ 22.50 | \$405.00 |
| 3 Resident Minor Fishing @ 6.50 | 19.50 |
| 1 Resident 3-day Fishing @ 7.50 | 7.50 |
| 2 Resident 70 plus Fishing FREE | 0.00 |
| 10 Resident Hunting @ 22.50 | 225.00 |
| 2 Resident Minor Hunting @ 6.50 | 13.00 |
| 25 Resident Sporting @ 40.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 5 Resident Sporting 65-69 @ 20.00 | 100.00 |
| 9 Resident Sporting Free | 0.00 |
| 1 Duplicate Sporting | 2.50 |

Non-Resident Hunting/Fishing Licenses

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 Non-Resident Big Game @ 94.50 | 94.50 |
| 19 Non-Resident Fishing @ 32.50 | 617.50 |
| 9 Non-Resident 3-day Fishing @ 18.50 | 166.50 |
| 3 Non-Resident Minor Fishing @ 6.50 | 19.50 |

Stamps

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 7 Archery @ 5.10 | 35.70 |
| 3 Waterfowl @ 5.00 | 15.00 |
| 9 Primitive Firearm @ 5.10 | 45.90 |
| 94 Wildlife Conservation @ 5.00 | <u>470.00</u> |

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Total Fees Collected | \$3,237.10 |
| Clerk fees retained | <u>50.85</u> |

Total remitted to Treasurer

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| for Division of Fish and Wildlife | \$3,186.25 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|

Other Fees Collected

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| UCC Filing Fees | 10.00 |
| 1 Raffle Permit | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total remitted to Treasurer | \$20.00 |

Respectfully submitted,
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk



Hunter Safety Course at Rowe Town Hall
l-r: Greg Armstrong, Joe Lively, Bob Moulton, Ben Foberg, Kevin Richards.
front row: Abbie Lively

Annual Town Meeting Results

FY 2001

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TOWN OF ROWE

May 8, 2000 - 7:00 PM - 10:45 PM
Town Hall/adjourned to Rowe School
Moderator: Karl Jurentkuff, JR
Tellers: Henry G. Dandeneau, Barbara Grogan,
David Lenth, Susan Gleason

Rowe Principal Robert Clancy made a motion that articles 25, 26, and 27 be moved to the beginning of the meeting to open up seats for the standing room only crowd, as the Mohawk representatives would leave after the vote.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 25: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Schools for the 2001 fiscal year:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Instructional Programs | 357,144.00 |
| Instructional Staff Training | 25,900.00 |
| Special Education | 152,510.00 |
| Speech Pathology & Audiology | 12,051.00 |
| Psychological Services | 11,983.00 |
| Library Services | 25,502.00 |
| Health Services | 43,969.00 |
| School Committee | 960.00 |
| Principal's Office | 82,141.00 |
| Food Services | 16,608.00 |
| Plant Operations | 85,980.00 |
| Shared Services | 42,046.00 |
| Pupil Transportation | 16,648.00 |
| Special Education Transportation | 3,525.00 |
| Sub-Total Public Schools | 876,967.00 |
| School Choice Receipts | -218,807.00 |

**TOTAL From
TAXATION FOR ARTICLE 25** **658,160.00**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 26: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$50,000.00** for the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School for the purchase of technology and other equipment. Said monies to be administered by the Mary Lyon Education Fund for the purpose of receiving matching funds [of 3:1] from the Commonwealth.

CARRIED BY AYES.

ARTICLE 27: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$30,000.00** for capital projects (see note) at the Rowe Elementary School. **Note:** This is intended to be year one of a three-year plan estimated to total approximately \$70,000.00.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS

738,160.00

ARTICLE 1: To act on reports of the Town officers and committees.

REPORTS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 2: To choose all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of General Government, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2001 fiscal year.

Administration

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| General Administration | \$28,000.00 |
| Summer Youth Employment | 22,000.00 |
| Town Officer Expenses | 1,000.00 |
| Municipal Center Custodian Wages | 12,091.00 |
| Municipal Center Op/Maint | 17,000.00 |
| Gracy House Maintenance/Repair | 500.00 |
| Municipal Center Fuel Oil | 2,500.00 |
| Elevator Maintenance Contract | 4,550.00 |
| Bank Charges/Loan Interest | 500.00 |
| Municipal Audit | 4,000.00 |
| Office Equipment | 2,500.00 |
| Printing Town Reports | 3,000.00 |

Subtotal Administration 97,641.00

Bonding and Insurance 35,000.00

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Core Assessment | 18,875.00 |
| Fees for Services | 5,000.00 |

Subtotal FRCOG 23,875.00

Board of Selectmen Office

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Selectmen Stipend | 6,420.00 |
| Accounting Officer/Clerk Salary | 36,908.00 |
| Asst. Acct Officer/Clerk Comp | 1,000.00 |

Subtotal Selectmen Office 44,328.00

Legal Expenses 4,000.00

Assessors Office

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Assessor Stipend | 4,500.00 |
| Clerical Wage | 6,180.00 |
| Operation | 10,000.00 |

Subtotal Assessors Office 20,680.00

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Treasurer Office | |
| Treasurer Stipend | 4,280.00 |
| Assistant Treasurer Compensation | 400.00 |
| Subtotal Treasurer Office | 4,680.00 |
| Tax Collector Stipend | 4,280.00 |
| Town Clerk Office | |
| Town Clerk Stipend | 4,280.00 |
| Registrar & Census Taker Comp | 350.00 |
| Election/Teller Expense | 1,500.00 |
| Subtotal Town Clerk Office | 6,130.00 |
| Miscellaneous | |
| Beautification | 2,500.00 |
| Floating Senior Center | 500.00 |
| Council on Aging | 2,000.00 |
| Subtotal Miscellaneous | 5,000.00 |
| School Committee Stipends | 3,870.00 |
| Planning Board | |
| Operation | 600.00 |
| Goal Post Publication | 15,000.00 |
| Subtotal Planning Board | 15,600.00 |
| Veterans' Services | |
| Veterans' Agent Stipend | 450.00 |
| Operation | 350.00 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 300.00 |
| Subtotal Veterans' Services | 1,100.00 |
| Miscellaneous Officer Stipends | |
| Moderator | 350.00 |
| Constable | 450.00 |
| Animal Inspector | 450.00 |
| Dog Officer | 550.00 |
| Subtotal Misc. Officer Stipends | 1,800.00 |
| TOTAL GEN. GOV. | 267,984.00 |

PROPOSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 4: Rowe Community Center Study Committee Chairman John Williams made the motion: "That the town vote to accept the report of the Rowe Community Center Study Committee, and to **raise and appropriate** the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the ongoing expenses, including the Designer Selection process, and to authorize the said Study Committee to be renamed as the Rowe Community Center Building Committee." There was a presentation by an architectural firm discussing the type of Recreational Center they and the Study Committee envisioned. The architects were asked to give an example of a similar building and gave a building in Northampton as an example. During this presentation Fire Chief Edwin May requested that the meeting be moved to the school as the meeting room of the Town Hall was filled above

capacity for safety. Building Inspector William Foster concurred and there was a nodding agreement from one of the architects present that the room was not structurally built to hold that many people. After the presentation the meeting was adjourned to the Rowe School.

Fire Chief Edwin May questioned as to whether the monies put aside, in the Stabilization Fund, for special purchases, such as a fire truck, would be used if the Stabilization Fund were used to help Finance a community center. He was told that those monies set aside would not be used.

For over two hours the proposed community center was discussed. The question was raised as to exactly what a "no" vote would mean. Melissa Quinn, a member of the Study Committee was recognized; she answered that a "No" vote would mean there would be no Rec Center of any type. "It would be over, finished."

It was moved that there be a vote; a secret ballot was requested.

APPROVED BY SECRET BALLOT:
YES - 51 AND NO - 46

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Protection of Persons and Property for the 2001 fiscal year.

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Police Department | |
| Police Chief Stipend | 7,260.00 |
| Officer Wages | 7,046.00 |
| Operation | 6,500.00 |
| Subtotal Police Department | 20,806.00 |
| Fire Department | |
| Fire Chief Stipend | 5,375.00 |
| Officer Stipends | 6,000.00 |
| Fire-fighter Reimbursement | 5,500.00 |
| Forest Fire Control | 100.00 |
| General Operation | 22,750.00 |
| Civil Defense Operation | 500.00 |
| Hazardous Material Control | 1,000.00 |
| Subtotal Fire Department | 41,225.00 |
| Emergency Medical Service | |
| Coordinator Stipend | 1,290.00 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 3,000.00 |
| EMT Call Out Reimbursement | 1,800.00 |
| First Responder Call Out Reimb. | 1,600.00 |
| Ambulance Service | 2,000.00 |
| Subtotal Emergency Medical Service | 9,690.00 |
| Street Lighting | 4,500.00 |
| Inspections | |
| Building Inspector Fees | 3,500.00 |
| Electrical Inspector Stipend | 965.00 |
| Plumbing Inspector Stipend | 965.00 |
| Subtotal Inspections | 5,430.00 |
| Cemeteries Maintenance | 5,000.00 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Conservation Commission Operation | 200.00 |
| Dutch Elm Disease Control | 600.00 |
| Insect Pest Control | 60.00 |

Subtotal Miscellaneous 860.00

TOTAL ARTICLE 5 \$87,511.00

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$5,000.00** for Fire Pond Maintenance.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$12,000.00** to be "tentatively earmarked"* for the future purchase of an emergency generator to be installed at the Rowe Elementary School for town-wide emergency and/or public safety purposes.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$29,000.00** to be "tentatively earmarked" for the future purchase of fire apparatus.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 9: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$40,000.00** for the purchase of a new police cruiser.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY \$173,511.00

*Appropriations designated as tentatively earmarked for a named purchase are for budgeting purposes only. A future town meeting is not bound by this vote.

ARTICLE 10: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Health and Sanitation for the 2001 fiscal year.

Public Health & Sanitation

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Board of Health Operation | 3,500.00 |
| Health Services Salary | 28,634.00 |
| Health Services Operation | 6,372.00 |
| Health Services Physician Stipend | 1,000.00 |
| Refuse Garden Operation | 45,000.00 |
| Attendant Compensation | 10,300.00 |
| Solid Waste District Administration | 1,524.00 |
| Household Haz. Waste Collection Day | 400.00 |

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION 96,730.00

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED

ARTICLE 11: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for

various employee benefits as specified for the 2001 fiscal year.

Employee Benefits

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Randolph, MA Retirement Assess. | 1,025.00 |
| Franklin County Retirement Assess. | 63,666.00** |
| Group Medical, Medicaid, Health & Life Insurance | 120,000.00** |
| Unemployment Insurance | 1,000.00** |

TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 185,691.00

**Includes benefits for school employees

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 12: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the Highway Department for the 2001 fiscal year.

General Operation

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Heavy Equip. Operator Wages | 129,932.00 |
| Highway Superintendent Salary | 47,741.00 |
| Highway Operation & Maintenance | 32,000.00 |
| Fuel for Town Vehicles | 12,500.00 |

Subtotal General Operation 222,173.00

Highway Projects

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Annual Highway Projects | 29,500.00 |
| Road Surface Maint./Reclamation | 45,000.00 |
| Winter Roads Maintenance | 40,000.00 |

Subtotal Annual Highway Projects 114,500.00

TOTAL ARTICLE 12 336,673.00

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 13: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$17,435.00** for the purchase of a Stainless Steel Sander.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 14: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$9,800.00** for the purchase of an Air Compressor.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 15: To see is the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$119,500.00** for the purchase of a 4-Wheel Drive Loader and related equipment for the Highway Department.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 16: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$5,000.00** for injection control remediation for municipal buildings.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

TOTAL HIGHWAY 488,408.00

ARTICLE 17: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Rowe Town Library for the 2001 fiscal year.

Rowe Library

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Librarian Salary | 13,900.00 |
| Library Staff Wages | 7,094.00 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 12,300.00 |

TOTAL LIBRARY APPROP. 33,294.00

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 18: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 2001 fiscal year.

Park Commission

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Head Ranger Salary | 24,215.00 |
| Park Wages | 24,036.00 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 11,000.00 |

TOTAL ARTICLE 18 59,251.00

CARRIED BY AYES

ARTICLE 19: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the water quality management of the Mill Pond.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 20: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$1,200.00 for improvements to the Park Headquarters building.

CARRIED BY AYES

ARTICLE 21: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$4,350.00** for the purchase of a snow blower, a snowmobile and a mower for winter/summer trail and meadow maintenance.

CARRIED BY AYES

TOTAL PARK APPROP. \$67,801.00

ARTICLE 22: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$10,000.00** for an Old Home Day celebration.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 23: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for Old Home Day fireworks.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 24: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,000.00** for an Autumn Millennium Dance Party.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLES 25, 26, and 27 were moved to beginning of meeting, by motion and vote.

ARTICLE 28: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** sum of **\$76,876.65** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 127 of the Acts of 1999 and Chapter 53A of the Acts of 1999, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by the said acts.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 29: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$140,000.00** to the **STABILIZATION FUND**.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 30: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$60,000.00** to the **STABILIZATION FUND**.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 31: The motion was made and seconded to amend the zoning by-laws by adding the following:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS BY-LAW

PURPOSE

The purpose of this By-law is to:

- A. Preserve the character and appearance of the Town of Rowe while simultaneously allowing adequate wireless communication services to be developed,
- B. Minimize any adverse impacts,
- C. Provide standards and requirements for regulation, placement, construction, modification, and removal of Personal Wireless Service (CMRS) facilities,
- D. Minimize the total number and height of freestanding CMRS facilities throughout the Community, and
- E. Provide incentive for co-location by means of using existing structures.

DEFINITIONS

Above Ground Level (AGL) - A measurement of height from the natural grade of a site to the highest point of a structure.

Architectural and Engineering Plans - plans certified by a State of Massachusetts licensed engineer, created to show the design of a CMRS facility.

Building, Roof or Wall-Mounted Facilities - a CMRS facility where antennas are mounted either on the roof or face(s) of a legally existing building other than a building or structure accessory to a telecommunications facility.

Co-location - the act of attaching antennas to an existing structure.

Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) facility - an unmanned facility consisting of a wireless antenna configuration, support structure, equipment storage shelters, and accessory equipment used for the reception, switching and/or transmission of wireless telecommunications including, but not limited to, paging, enhanced specialized mobile radio, personal communications services, cellular telephone, and similar technologies.

Equipment Storage Shelter - a structure used to house CMRS equipment. These shelters are not intended for human habitation.

Freestanding CMRS Structure - a support structure including monopoles, self-supporting towers, guyed towers, or other structures used to attach antennas for the purpose of operating a CMRS facility.

Guyed tower - a tower supported by guy wires.

Height - shall mean, when referring to a freestanding CMRS structure, the distance measured from ground level to the highest point on the tower or other structure, including antenna.

Monopole - a structure composed of a single spire used to support telecommunications equipment.

Municipal Facility - any structure or land Owned by the Town of Rowe used for municipal purposes. This includes, but is not limited to; office space, garages, storage yards, parks, playgrounds, roads, or other Town-owned property.

Commercial Mobile Radio Service Overlay District (CMRSOD) - an area designated by the Town as a desired location for a CMRS facility.

Wireless Antenna - a device that is attached to a support structure for transmitting and receiving electromagnetic waves. This includes panel antennas, whip antennas, and microwave dishes.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. A Commercial Mobile Radio Services Overlay District (CMRSOD) shall be established in the Town of Rowe. This district shall include the area zoned for industrial use, and any existing high-voltage electrical transmission towers.
2. The requirements established in this by-law shall supersede all other requirements for CMRS facilities in the existing Town of Rowe By-laws.
3. The applicant is required to meet with the Town of Rowe Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) at a pre-hearing conference to discuss the project.
4. One and/or all of the parties involved as an applicant for any CMRS facility permit must have a current FCC license.
5. A copy of the FCC license of the applicant must be on file with the Town Clerk upon submission of the application.
6. All CMRS facilities are subject to and must comply with Section 1.07 of this By-law.
7. An Environmental Assessment must be provided to the Town of Rowe prior to the issuance of a building permit if the CMRS facility location is in an environmentally sensitive area as defined by current NEPA standards.
8. Access to the site shall be by a roadway, which is passable in all seasons and which the applicant has a legal right to use. Roadway must have a minimum width of 10' (ten feet). A gravel road is permitted.
9. Traffic associated with the CMRS facility shall not adversely affect abutting ways.
10. All CMRS structures or facilities shall be at least a distance of 500 feet from any residential structure.
11. Any CMRS structures or facilities shall be at least a distance of 1500 feet from the property line of any school.

12. Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent practicable.
13. The Equipment Storage Shelter and all Accessory Equipment shall be screened from abutting properties to the greatest extent possible.
14. Night lighting of the facilities shall be prohibited unless required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
15. Any lighting required by the FAA shall be shielded to prevent an undue burden on abutting property owners. All other lighting associated with the facility shall not be visible beyond the property line.
16. A minimum 6' high chain link fence will be required around the CMRS facility.
17. No CMRS facility owner or lessee or employee thereof shall act to exclude or attempt to exclude any other CMRS provider from the same location.
18. A CMRS facility owner or lessee or employee thereof shall cooperate in good faith to achieve co-location of antennas with other CMRS providers.
19. Non-reflective painting of any or all equipment may be required to help the CMRS blend in with its surroundings.
20. All equipment associated with a CMRS facility shall meet the setback requirements as set forth in the Town of Rowe By-laws, and must be a minimum of 30' from any property boundary with the exception of fencing.
21. All towers must be engineered to fall at a predetermined height, enabling the entire structure to collapse and be contained within the lot area of the lot on which it is located.

FACILITIES WITHIN THE CMRSOD

All CMRS facilities within the CMRSOD shall abide by the general regulations set forth in Section 1.03 of this By-law and the regulations set forth in this section.

A. FACILITIES PERMITTED WITHIN THE CMRSOD

1. Within the CMRSOD the following facilities are permitted upon the review and approval of Architectural and Engineering plans (such plans shall be in accordance with Section 1.09.A.1-8 of this By-law):
 - a) The co-location of a CMRS facility on an existing structure. The facility shall include the addition of ancillary equipment, including the equipment storage shelters, accessory equipment, and requirements needed for operation of a CMRS facility.
 - b) The replacement of any freestanding CMRS structure with another structure of the same height.

B. FACILITIES REQUIRING A SPECIAL PERMIT WITHIN THE CMRSOD

1. Within the CMRSOD the following uses are permitted through Special Permit:
 - a) The creation of a new freestanding CMRS facility, including antennas, equipment storage shelters, accessory equipment, and requirements needed for operation of said facility when co-location to an existing structure within the same CMRSOD is not an option because of limited structural and/or vertical space on existing structures or limits of network design. Any new freestanding CMRS facility must structurally allow for reasonable co-location.

- b) The height extension of a freestanding CMRS facility to a maximum height of 175 feet including all antennas, lightning rods, and any other attachments. Such an extension is subject to Section 1.04.C.2 and 3 of this By-law.

C. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CMRSOD

1. The maximum height above ground level shall be 125 feet, including all antennas, lightning rods, and all other attachments.
2. The height may be increased to 175 feet, including all antennas, lightning rods, and all other attachments only upon a written request for a waiver as per Section 1.01 of this by-law. Such request must be from the applicant at the time of submittal of the application to the ZBA. The applicant must demonstrate the technological necessity for the additional height above 125 feet.
3. Any new freestanding CMRS facility must structurally allow for reasonable co-location for a minimum of two licensed CMRS providers.
4. No minimum lot frontage shall be required for any new CMRS facility located within the CMRSOD, but access must be via legal, deeded right of way.

FACILITIES OUTSIDE THE CMRSOD

All CMRS facilities outside the CMRSOD shall abide by the general regulations set forth in Section 1.03 of this By-law and the regulations set forth in this section.

A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OUTSIDE THE CMRSOD

1. The applicant must provide substantial proof that locating within the CMRSOD is not technologically feasible or that co-location on existing structures is not technologically possible. Such proof shall be in the form of a technical report including coverage plots of radio signal propagation for the CMRS facility. The report shall include all information requested by the ZBA at the preapplication meeting, including but not limited to a written narrative explaining the rationale for the proposed location and height with respect to the CMRSs network design if applicable.
2. For new freestanding CMRS structures outside the CMRSOD the applicant shall provide a "balloon test", (or place a "crank up" tower, crane or temporary structure) equal to the height of the proposed structure for a period of 48 hours beginning on a predetermined date prior to the hearing for a special permit application. Said date will be established, including an alternative date due to inclement weather, at the time of the preapplication meeting with the ZBA. Said date will include at least 1 weekend day. The applicant will be responsible for placing a notice 1 week prior to the "balloon test" on site (size, location, and type of notice will be determined by the ZBA). The applicant will also be responsible for placing a public notice in the Rowe Goal Post and at least one other local publication and notifying adjacent parcel Owners via US Mail at least 1 week prior to the "balloon test". Failure to notify or place the appropriate notices will result in a continuance of the public hearing of the special permit application until this requirement is met.

B. FACILITIES PERMITTED OUTSIDE THE CMRSOD

Outside the CMRSOD, the following facilities are permitted upon the ZBA's review and approval of Architectural and Engineering Plans (such plans shall be in accordance with Section 1.05A, 1.09.A.1-8 of this By-law):

1. The co-location of a CMRS facility on an existing structure that does not exceed 10 feet above tree line or 110 feet, whichever is less. The facility shall include the addition of ancillary equipment, including the equipment storage shelters, accessory equipment, and requirements needed for operation of a CMRS facility.
2. The replacement of any freestanding CMRS structure with another structure of the same height.
3. Building, Roof or Wall-Mounted facilities. Such Building, Roof or Wall-Mounted CMRS facilities shall be subject to the Section 1.03 of this By-law and the following additional regulations:
 - a. No equipment associated with the CMRS facility shall exceed 10 feet above the height of the building or 110 feet above ground level, whichever is less
 - b. Antennas and access. equipment shall be fully screened to be harmonious and architecturally compatible with the building, including but not limited to painting equipment to match the building

C. FACILITIES REQUIRING A SPECIAL PERMIT OUTSIDE THE CMRSOD

Outside the CMRSOD, a special permit shall be required for all new CMRS facilities, except as set forth in Section 1.05.B.1-3 and Section 1.06. of this By-law.

D. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS OUTSIDE THE CMRSOD

1. The maximum height for a new freestanding CMRS facility shall be 10 feet above tree line not to exceed 110 feet, whichever is less, including all antennas, lightning rods, and all other attachments.
 2. The height of a new or existing freestanding CMRS facility may be increased to 20 feet above tree line not to exceed 110 feet, whichever is less, including all antennas, lightning rods, and all other attachments only upon a written request for a waiver as per Section 1.10 of this by-law. Such request must be from the applicant at the time of submittal of the application to the ZBA. The applicant must demonstrate the technological necessity for the additional height up to 20 feet above tree line or 110 feet, whichever is less.
- Minimum lot frontage shall be required for any new CMRS facility located outside the CMRSOD.

EXEMPTIONS

The following types of wireless communication towers are exempt from the Telecommunication By-law:

- A. Towers used in accordance with the terms of any radio services license issued by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) for any amateur, personal, or private use, provided that the tower is not used for the purpose of commercial users.
- B. Satellite dishes and antennas for residential use.
- C. Any CMRS facility or related facility in existence before the adoption of this By-law.

D. Police, Fire and emergency medical services and dispatch services operated by a Federal, State, or Municipal entity.

CMRS SIGNS

Signs shall be required at the discretion of the ZBA. All CMRS facilities requiring a sign and/or signs specific to the site location are subject to this By-law and must comply with any or all current applicable Town of Rowe By-laws for signs. No other signs are permitted.

A. SIGN INFORMATION

1. All CMRS facilities must display minimally one sign that displays the following information:
 - a. Identification of the facility & address
 - b. Facility's Owner(s) and contact Phone Numbers
 - c. A 24 hr. emergency Telephone Number
 - d. Operator(s) of the facility and contact Phone Numbers
 - e. FCC License #'s of Operator(s), Tenant(s), Owner(s)
2. No trespassing sign
3. Any signs required by the FCC, FAA or any regulatory agency having authority

B. SIGN DESIGN

1. No Sign(s) shall have company logos or be used for advertising
2. Sign(s) must be visible within 25 feet of the facility and/or from the facility access.

NON USE

All unused towers or parts thereof or accessory facilities and structures which have not been used continuously for one year shall be dismantled and removed at the owner's expense. Prior to issuance of a Building Permit for a free-standing CMRS facility, the applicant is required to post with the Town Treasurer a bond or other form of financial security for an amount up to \$50,000.00, as set forth by the ZBA. The bond will be to cover demolition in the event that the Building Inspector condemns the tower or parts thereof or accessory facilities and structures or deems it unused continuously for more than a year. The Building Inspector shall give the applicant 90 days written notice in advance of any demolition action.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Any application for a CMRS facility shall contain the following:

A. ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING PLANS

1. A title sheet with the following:
 - a. A title labeling the company, type of proposal (i.e. co-location to an existing freestanding CMRS facility), and location.
 - b. A vicinity map showing all major roadways within 2000'
 - c. A sheet index describing all parties involved in the project.
 - d. A project summary block labeling the applicant, facility address, owner, deed reference, facility, parcel number, and current zoning district.
2. A general plan sheet showing the complete plan view of the proposal at a preferred scale of 1" = 20' or a scale appropriate to accurately portray the proposed facility.

All setback lines, property lines, easement lines, and utility lines shall be shown.

3. A project area plan of the facility area that shows the detail of the facility area at a preferred scale of 1" = 5' or a scale appropriate to accurately portray the proposed facility.
4. Elevation plans showing the complete proposal at a scale appropriate to accurately portray the proposed facility.
5. Photo simulations from a highly visible location showing before and after appearance of the facility and its locale. The location will be predetermined at the preapplication meeting with the ZBA.
6. A view-shed map showing the affected areas within a 500' radius of the location.
7. Photos of relevant equipment associated with the facility, including but not limited to buildings, antennas, and other equipment outlined in the preapplication meeting.
8. Any other drawings deemed necessary at the pre-application meeting.

B. WRITTEN PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. A description of the company and the type of service they are bringing to the community.
2. A written description of the proposed project and the methodology for choosing the proposed facility location and type of facility. The description shall include specific design features used to minimize the impacts of a CMRS facility within the proposed environment. This description shall include such things as building dimensions, antenna dimensions, and any information that was required by the ZBA at the time of the preapplication meeting.
3. An 8+1/2" x 11" copy of a USGS quad map with a site arrow showing the location of the proposed facility.

C. COMPLETED APPLICATION

Applications must include all information required by Town of Rowe Planning Board Rules and Regulations Sections 3 and 4.

WAIVERS

The Zoning Board of Appeals may waive strict compliance with the any of the requirements set forth in this By-law when, in its judgment, such action is in the public interest and not inconsistent with the intent of this Zoning By-law. Any waiver request must be made in writing at the time of application with documentation relative to facility constraints or location difficulties. Said waiver may be granted only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen.

REVOCATION

The ZBA may revoke a special permit if the Building Inspector or Zoning Enforcement Officer finds a violation of the permit. The Building Inspector or Zoning Enforcement Officer must notify permittee of evidence in writing within 14 days of permit violation. The permittee must correct violation and provide evidence to the Building Inspector or Zoning Enforcement Officer within 30 days. If the permittee believes that no such violation exists, it may petition the ZBA during the 30-day cure period. If the permittee does not provide evidence to the Building In-

spector or Zoning Enforcement Officer that it has corrected the violation or if it has petitioned the ZBA that no violation exists a revocation hearing shall be conducted by the ZBA upon 30 day written notice to the permittee. The permittee shall have the right to legal counsel and present such evidence appropriate and/or relevant at the time of the hearing to show that no violation exists. At the conclusion of the revocation hearing, the ZBA will notify permittee and all relevant parties of its decision in writing within 14 days of said hearing.

PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND FEES

- A. Applicant shall pay or reimburse the town for all expenses incurred by the ZBA in reviewing the application and installation of the applicant's facility. Expenses may include, without limitation, engineering, planning, technical, or legal services.
- B. A maintenance bond shall be posted for the access road valid for the duration of the permit in an amount approved by the ZBA.

SPECIAL PERMIT REVIEW

Special permits issued under this by-law shall be subject to a safety and compliance review every five years by a registered engineer. Written results of review shall be given to the ZBA and filed with the Town Clerk. As a result of review, additional conditions may be added if deemed necessary by the ZBA. Said review shall be paid for by the owner of the tower.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE:

YES - 54 AND NO - 1

CARRIED BY 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 32: Modification to Existing By-laws

Article V, Section 2B. Table of Use Regulations

Michael Posever, of the Planning Board, made the motion:

That Sub-section VII (Commercial Uses) of the Town By-Laws be amended to include Commercial Mobile Radio Services and Facilities indicating that these facilities are permitted in Residential - Agricultural Zones and in Industrial Zones by Special Permit viz:

Zones R-A I

h) Commercial Mobile Radio Services and Facilities SP SP

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 33: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,000.00** toward printing the Town By-laws.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 34: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be used as a Reserve Fund for the 2001 fiscal year.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 35: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to salt, sand and plow approximately 1.7 miles of Zoar Road, lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 2000, in exchange for Charlemont salting, sanding and plowing of 0.7 miles of Tatro Road in Rowe during the same winter season.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

ARTICLE 36: To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

There was no other business.

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY 2001

APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 267,984.00 |
| PROTECTION PERSONS/PROP. | 173,511.00 |
| HEALTH/SANITATION | 96,730.00 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 185,691.00 |
| HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | 488,408.00 |
| LIBRARY | 33,294.00 |
| PARK DEPARTMENT | 67,801.00 |
| SCHOOLS | 738,160.00 |
| SPECIAL ARTICLES | 161,000.00 |

TOTAL FROM TAXATION 2,212,579.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| CHAPTER 127 & CHAPTER 53A | 76,876.65 |
| STABILIZATION FUND | 60,000.00 |
| RESERVE FUND | 20,000.00 |

TOTAL FROM FREE CASH 156,876.65

TOTAL 2001 BUDGET \$2,369,455.65

A True Copy.

Attest:
Rowe Town Clerk
Susan C. Wood

Special Town Meeting Results

FY 2000

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TOWN OF ROWE

May 8, 1999 - 6:30 PM - 6:55 PM
Town Hall

Moderator: Karl Jurentkuff, JR

Tellers: Henry G. Dandeneau, Barbara Grogan,
David Lenth, Susan Gleason

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$7,800.00** to add to a previously appropriated sum for painting municipal buildings, including the Town Library, or take any action in relation thereto.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of **\$2,423.00** from the **Assessors Software/Licensing account** to the **Reserve Fund**, or take any action related thereto.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of **\$2,000.00** from the **Pelham Lake Dam Bridge Repair account** to the **Pelham Lake Dam Repair account**, and rename that account as **Dam Maintenance and Repairs**, or take any action in relation thereto.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2,600.00** for payment of services and purchase of additional equipment relative to the installation of the computer system at the Town Hall, or take any action in relation thereto.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2,000.00** to the **Highway Fuel** for Town Vehicles account, or take any action in relation thereto.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to **Transfer** a sum not to exceed **\$434.00** from the **Municipal Recycling Incentive Program Fund**, in custody of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, for the payment of an additional administrative assessment to the **Franklin County Solid Waste Management District** in Fiscal Year 2000, or take any action in relation thereto.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to **Transfer** from the **Park Department Wage account** to the **Park Department Operations account** the sum of **\$2,750.00**, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Motion was presented by Park Commissioner John Williams.

Park Commissioner Russell Jolly was recognized; he told the voters he did not support this article as it was put on the warrant without being voted upon by the Park Commissioners and because he felt the FY 2000 budget, being over double the previous year, was spent too fast by the Park Manager. Dorothy Page and Geoffrey Bagley, of the Finance Committee, also did not support this transfer as they have been warning the Park Commission and the Park Manager that money is being spent too quickly.

DEFEATED BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE:
NO - 38 and **YES - 24**

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

Town Election Results

May 13, 2000

Noon to 8 PM

Rowe Town Hall

187 voters of 266 registered

| Position | Name | Votes Received | Position | Name | Votes Received | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----|
| Moderator | Robert Clancy | 69 | School Committee | Susan B. Taylor | 134 | |
| | Rick Williams | 14 | | Anne-Marie Demetz | 8 | |
| Town Clerk | Susan C. Wood | 134 | | Rebecca Bradley | 6 | |
| | Carol F. Lively | 50 | | Anne Foshay | 4 | |
| Treasurer | Susan A. Williams | 164 | Planning Board | Prudence Berry | 43 | |
| Constable | Christine Tower | 161 | | Deborah Danek | 30 | |
| Selectman | Geoffrey Bagley | 101 | Finance Committee | | | |
| | Leonard Laffond | 84 | | 3 years | Dorothy Page | 64 |
| Park Commission | William Loomis | 109 | | 3 years | Joseph Ricotta | 5 |
| | Walter Quist | 74 | | 2 years | Aristia Veber | 12 |
| Assessor | Ellen Foberg | 124 | 1 year | Jean Atwood | 46 | |
| | Michael Posever | 8 | Library Trustee | Susan Williams | 159 | |
| | | | Cemetery Commission | Richard Tower | 167 | |

Blanks and write-in votes 3 and under are not shown.

Election Workers:

Lillian Danek, Warden
 Robin Reed, Clerk
 Barbara Stickney
 Sandra Daviau
 Willian Brown
 Barbara Grogan, Constable
 Susan Wood, Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Results - FY 99

(Correction to 2000 Town Report)

October 19, 1999

Rowe Town Hall

7:00 PM

Fifty voters present of 257 eligible voters

Tellers: Ruth A. Truesdell
Elsie H. Autio
Robert O. Williams
Henry G. Dandeneau

Selectmen: Leonard J. Laffond, Chair
Ellen L. Foberg
Mary Jo Anne Phelps

Moderator: Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.

Town Council: Craig W. Barry, Jr. Esq.

ARTICLE 1: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$100,000.00** to the **STABILIZATION FUND**.

Discussion: The Article was presented and explained by Assessor Frederick (Rick) N. Williams.

"The Assessors are still working to finalize numbers for FY 2000. Bear Swamp Pump Storage is an extremely valuable asset. Ballpark figures are that the value has gone up more than three times the previous assessment. The tax rate is going to go down. Even if we vote everything on this warrant tonight it will be less than last year. It was \$5.30 last year.

We usually put excess FREE CASH into Stabilization, our rainy day fund, our piggy bank. We currently have just under two million dollars in that account and as a reminder, we use money in that account to do large capital projects.

It was pointed out to us by the State we are limited in how much we can put in (STABILIZATION) in any given year; we are not supposed to put in more than 10% of the previous year's levy. For this year that works out to \$160,000. This article (added to previous monies voted at the Town Meeting in May, 1999) puts us at our limit." "The State has been a little flexible (about our practice of putting large amounts of money into the STABILIZATION fund) but have reminded us we should not be doing that."

Ruth Truesdell was recognized by the Moderator. "Do we have Certified Free Cash at this point?"

Rick Williams recognized by Moderator: "\$490,000.00 and some change."

Ruth Truesdell recognized by Moderator: "Are we worried about the State penalizing us at some point, in some way, because of the change in our tax rate?"

Rick Williams recognized by Moderator: "Anything is possible, but there has not been any action or initiative in that direction, as far as we know, at this point."

Ruth Truesdell recognized by Moderator: "It is probably in Rowe's best interest to continue to be generous with the schools and our neighbors."

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 2: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,414.83** to fund an overdraft in the FY 1999 Group Insurance account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$500.00** for the FY 2000 Assistant Accounting Clerk account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,000.00** to the FY 2000 Summer Youth Employment account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$36,000.00** for painting town buildings, including the Town Hall, the Gazebo, the Fire Station and the Gray house/annex.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$25,000.00** to be paid to the Mohawk Regional High School Capital Campaign being administered by the Mary Lyon Education Fund, to be used for the purchase of new student computers at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School, with the understanding that if the money is not to be used for this purpose it is to be returned to the Town of Rowe.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for a preliminary study relative to the construction of a Rowe Recreation/Activity Center.

Discussion: Recreational Committee Chair John H. (Jack) Williams explained the previous monies voted for the study at the May 1999 Town Meeting were not sufficient to cover the costs of the feasibility study as the "prevail-

ing wage" is set in the Springfield area. The" prevailing wage" is the wage municipalities must pay for work done on a municipal project.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$13,320.00** for the Rowe Transfer Station.

Discussion: This was to reimburse the Transfer Station Account for monies spent this summer to install the fence around the Transfer Station.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 9: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$18,000.00** for Group Medical/Medicare insurance for FY 2000.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 10: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Assessors to negotiate tax agreements between the Town of Rowe and the electric generation facilities.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 11: The motion was made and seconded to approve the tax agreement between the Town of Rowe and Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC) for Fiscal Year 1999 for real estate and personal property owned by YAEC within the Town of Rowe for a total assessed value of \$12,686,380.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 12: The motion was made and seconded to approve the tax agreement between the Town of Rowe and Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC) for Fiscal Year 2000 for real estate and personal property owned by YAEC within the Town of Rowe for a total assessed value of \$10,986,964.00.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 13: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$30,000.00** for the Nurse Practitioner Salary and Expense Account and to authorize an additional 16 hours per normal work week to expand the nursing and health advisory services available to all townspeople.

Discussion: Selectman (and Board of Health Chair) Ellen Foberg made a motion to amend the article to reduce the hours from 32 to 24 and to include no extra monies for operating expenses.

As no clear "second" was heard, no action was taken on this amendment.

John H. (Jack) Williams made a motion to amend the sum to \$10,000 to give the Board of Health and Town Nurse the flexibility to adjust the expense account for the number of hours need.

This motion was seconded by Ruth Truesdell.

Finance Committee member Dorothy F. Page, who read the original motion, explained the \$30,000.00 gave the Town Nurse and Board of Health ample money to work with, as the need for expanded Administrative hours and programs became clear.

After advice from Administrative Assistant and Town Accountant, Melissa Quinn, Mr. Williams changed his amendment to: \$7,200 for salary for the Town Nurse and \$3,000.00 to the Town Nurse's Operating Expenses.

Responding to Board of Health Chair Ellen Foberg's statement that the Town Nurse did not need extra Operating Expense money, Finance Chair Geoffrey Bagley stated that if the \$3,000.00 was not used it would be rolled back to the town and so there was no problem.

Board of Health Chair Ellen Foberg was recognized by the moderator: "Let me be clear; we have spoken with Ruth. The Board has spoken with Ruth. We have agreed that we would increase the hours to the 24. The working hours are set by the Board of Health and not Town Meeting Votes."

Richard Truesdell was recognized by the Moderator: "For the Board of Health. Are you telling us that if the Town votes they want additional hours of health care, the Board of Health is not obligated to provide that?"

The question was given to Town Council by the Board.

Town Council Craig W. Barry, Jr., ESQ was recognized by Moderator and responded that he had done research on this question the afternoon before this meeting. His interpretation of the Statute that creates Boards of Health and the case laws under those statutes is: That there is exclusive power of the Board of Health to set the terms of employment.

Nurse Practitioner Ruth Loomis was recognized by the Moderator. Mrs. Loomis thanked the community for their support (expressed during the meeting and again at the end of the meeting). She recapped the services she has provided in the ten months she has served the Town. She has had 735 patient care visits, 586 visits were to the Town Hall and 149 were made in private homes. "I needed to work 127 hours of overtime to accomplish what was needed to be done. Sixteen hours are not enough to do all of the paperwork. I know I need more hours; I still don't know if I need 32 hours. Probably the wisest move for the community is to increase in increments, eight hours now, more as the needs arise."

John H. (Jack) Williams' amendment (24 hours implied by the \$7,200 for salary and \$3,000.00 for the Operational Account) to the original motion was accepted and voted upon.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 14: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$6,200.00** for the purchase of computer hardware, software and related services for the offices of the Town Nurse, the Treasurer and an office shared by the Building Inspector, Veterans' Agent and the Park Manager.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 15: The motion was made and seconded to **Transfer \$4,735.00** from the Park Swim Area Dredging

account to a Park Swim Area Maintenance account.

Discussion: Park Commission Chair Walter Quist explained that the Park had planned on doing work on the exposed shoreline at the beach while the lake was drawn down for the dam repairs. Unfortunately, sediments were such that equipment could not get in there to do the work at the level of spending they had anticipated. The money is going to be used for new beach area equipment such as the buoys.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **one dollar (\$1.00)** to acquire the following easement from Robert O. and Susan A. Williams, Trustees of the Skyline Land Trust of Rowe. Said easement is bounded and described as follows:

A temporary right of way in Rowe, Massachusetts for public access to Pelham Lake Park, being within the existing location of the Williams Trail, so called, as it is now being exercised. The centerline of said right of way begins at a point on the easterly line of Pond Road, said point being a distance of 190 feet, more or less, from the northwesterly corner of land of the Grantors (said corner being marked by the intersection of a stone wall with the easterly line of Pond Road) and described in deed dated September 26, 1997 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3268, Page 203 and runs in a generally easterly direction to the westerly line of land of the Grantee. Said right of way shall also include the right to construct, maintain, repair and/or remove a footbridge over Pelham Brook.

The right of way hereby conveyed shall be for the term of ten (10) years.

For title the following instruments recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds: Book 3268, Page 203; Book 3268, Page 199; Book 3271, Page 17; and Book 3271, Page 18.

This deed is given for the purpose of establishing as a matter of record the right of way as it is now being used.

By acceptance of this deed, the Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold the Grantor harmless of and from any and all claims, action, causes of action, or any liability whatsoever arising out of Grantee's use of said right of way.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

At the close of the meeting Rowe School Principal Robert Clancy asked that Alan D. Genovese, Superintendent of Schools, be given time to speak.

The voters agreed. The Superintendent was surprised at the speed with which Article 6 (the money for the computer program at the High School) was passed. "Pinch me! This is just marvelous. Your generosity is overwhelming. On behalf of the school, towns and students - thank you. I extend the appreciation of everyone for that contribution".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY 2000

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION | |
| TO STABILIZATION FUND | \$100,000.00 |
| GROUP INSURANCE ACCOUNT | 1,414.83 |
| ASSISTANT ACCT CLERK ACCOUNT | 500.00 |
| SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYEE ACCOUNT | 3,000.00 |
| PAINTING TOWN BUILDINGS | 36,000.00 |
| MOHAWK SCHOOL COMPUTERS | 25,000.00 |
| REC/ACTIVITY CENTER STUDY | 8,000.00 |
| COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE & SERVICES | 6,200.00 |
| TRANSFER STATION ACCOUNT | 13,320.00 |
| GROUP MEDICAL/MEDICARE ACCOUNT | 18,000.00 |
| TOWN NURSE SALARY (Health Services Salary) | 7,200.00 |
| TOWN NURSE OPERATIONS (Heath Services Op.) | 3,000.00 |
| TOTAL FROM TAXATION | \$221,634.83 |
| APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH | |
| PARK EASEMENT | 1.00 |
| TOTAL FROM FREE CASH | 1.00 |
| TRANSFERS | |
| PARK SWIM AREA MAINTENANCE | 4,735.00* |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS | 4,735.00 |
| TOTAL ALL FUNDS | \$226,370.83 |

*Transfer of funds in Article 15 does not affect budget -- funds were previously appropriated.

A true copy.

Attest

Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

Correction: These are results of a FY 99 Special Town Meeting. Results printed in the 1999 town report were incorrect. I extend my apology for any confusion that this may have caused. MSQ

Town of Rowe Voters List - 2000

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|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Alix, Richard E. | U | Dandeneau, Ellen Marie | U | Jackson, Lisa Marie | U | Miller, Shirley E. | U |
| Atwood, Donald J. | U | Dandeneau, Evelyn L. | U | Jackson, Oral L. | U | Morse, Alfred C., Jr. | U |
| Atwood, Jean Ann | U | Dandeneau, Henry G. | U | Jerdon, Sandra A. | U | Morse, Marjorie H. | U |
| Autio, Elsie H. | R | Dandeneau, Henry J. | U | Jodoin, Naomi M. | U | Morse, Willian D. | U |
| Autio, Herbert A. | R | Dandeneau, Marion E. | U | Jodoin, Raymond A. | U | | |
| Avery, Charles L. | D | Danek, Debora J. | U | Johnston, Robin Lee | U | Oliver, Kathleen | R |
| Avery, Marion A. | U | Danek, Lillian H. | D | Johnston, Timothy E. | U | | |
| | | Danek, Thomas P., Jr. | U | Jolly, Russell W. | U | Page, Dorothy F. | U |
| Bagley, Geoffrey | U | Daviau, Edward A. | U | Jurentkuff, Karl E., Jr. | R | Paige, Mary Eve | U |
| Bagley, Marie L. | U | Daviau, Sandra P. | U | Jurentkuff, Virginia P. | R | Palmer, Edwin A. | U |
| Baker, Roberta T. | U | Demetz, AnneMarie | D | | | Palmer, Ellsworth E. | U |
| Baker, William J. | U | Derosier, Heather A. | U | Kalaus, Dorothy M. | U | Parsons, Tendzin N. | U |
| Benson, Francis S. | U | Dionne, Jon A. | U | Kalaus, Warren | U | Phelps, Daniel R., Jr. | U |
| Benson, Luella M. | U | Dionne, Loretta Irene | D | Katz, Deborah B. | U | Phelps, MaryJo Anne | U |
| Bergeron-Larsen, Linda | D | Donelson, Brian A. | R | Katz, Frederick | D | Pickett, Felicity | U |
| Berry, Prudence | D | Donelson, Norma J. | R | Kilgour, Christine | D | Pierce, Efford H. | D |
| Besgen, Anne E. | R | Donovan, Eugene J. | D | Knapp, John F. | D | Pierce, Judith Ann | R |
| Bjork, Alan W. | R | Drakulich, Kevin M. | S | Krumm, Justine S. | U | Pike, Eric A. | U |
| Bjork, Florence M. | R | Dunnell, Michelle M. | D | | | Pike, Laurie Jean | U |
| Bjork, Timothy J. | U | Dvore, David | U | Laffond, Cynthia M. | R | Pike, Michelle C. | U |
| Booth, Robin | D | | | Laffond, Leonard J. | R | Poehlein, David G. | U |
| Boutwell, Joyce A. | U | Essert, Mary B. | U | Larned, Lance P. | U | Posever, Michael M. | D |
| Boutwell, Raymond L. | U | Essert, Robert D. | U | Lehr, Bruce | D | | |
| Boyd, Irene M. | U | | | Lehr, Dorothy E. | D | Quinn, Kathleen M. | D |
| Boyd, William M. | U | Faivre, Audrey I. | R | Lenth, David W. | R | Quinn, Melissa S. | D |
| Bradley, Michael F. | U | Foberg, Ellen L. | R | Lenth, Mary E. | U | Quinn, Richard K. | D |
| Bradley, Rebecca P. | U | Foshay, Angela F. | U | Lepine, Florence L. | U | Quist, Kelle J. | U |
| Brown, Christopher M. | U | Foster, Bernice A. | U | Lesure, Lawrence M. | U | Quist, Walter J. | U |
| Brown, Jamie A. | D | Foster, William G. | U | Lindabury, Donald E. | U | | |
| Brown, James D. | U | Furgerson, Sheila M. | U | Lively, Carol F. | U | Reardon, Mary A. | U |
| Brown, JoAnn M. | D | | | Lively, Deborah L. | U | Reardon, Tiffany J. | U |
| Brown, June W. | R | Gallagher, Robert L. | U | Lively, Dennis G. | U | Reardon, William Neil | U |
| Brown, Leonard J., Jr. | R | Garceau, Theresa M. | D | Lively, James W. | U | Reed, Robin W. | D |
| Brown, Lillian Norma | R | Gates, Eugene H. | R | Lively, Jonathan | U | Reynolds-Gallagher, | |
| Brown, Nancy A. | U | Gates, Leah M. | U | Lively, Sandra Julia | U | Danette | U |
| Brown, Roger L. | R | Gaudry, George L. | R | Loomis, Ruth E. | U | Rice, Bradley J. | U |
| Brown, William M. | R | Gleason, Susan P. | U | Loomis, William A. | U | Rice, Dean T. | R |
| Bryant, Lisa A. | D | Gordon, Ronald P. | U | Lowell, Frederick K. | U | Rice, Donald A. | U |
| Bullett, Richard L. | U | Gordon, Rosemary R. | U | | | Rice, Jennifer L. | D |
| | | Gracy, Sarah Jane | R | Mark, Jennifer S. | D | Rice, Margaret B. | U |
| Carlow, Earl | D | Grogan, Barbara | R | May, Dennis F. | U | Rice, Martha A. | U |
| Cascone, Nancy J. | U | | | May, Edwin L. | U | Rice, Robert R. | U |
| Chiofalo, Thomas L. | U | Halberg, Neil | U | May, Gail | R | Ricotta, Joseph A. | U |
| Clancy, Robert J. | D | Hardison, Billy L. | D | May, Katherine E. | R | Riggan, John R. | D |
| Corarito, Arthur D. | U | Hardison, Crystal Star | U | May, Micah D. | R | Riggan, Margalee O. | D |
| Corarito, Deanna L. | U | Hardison, Justin L. | U | May, Paul E. | R | Riggan, Merle R. | D |
| Corarito, Douglas C. | U | Hardison, Leonda I. | U | Mazanec, Douglas S. | U | Roberson, David A. | U |
| Corarito, Mary Ann | U | Hoop, Heidi A. | U | Mazanec, Janice E. | U | Roberson, Laura S. | U |
| Cornett, Nancy Jo | D | Houghtaling, Deborah | U | McDaniel, Cortney A. | U | Roche, Barbara J. | D |
| Cousineau, David Allen | R | Houghtaling, Thomas | U | McLatchy, Kerri L. | U | Rode, Christina M. | U |
| Cousineau, Heidi Lehr | R | Houghtaling, Timothy L | U | McLatchy, Lesley K. | U | Rossi, John F. | R |
| Coye, Glen M. | U | Hudson, Gary H. | R | McLatchy, Paul, Jr. | U | Rossi, Martha A. | U |
| Crowningshield, | | Hudson, Sharon C. | R | Miceli, Steven M. | U | | |
| Howard C. | U | | | Migeon, Jean-Paul | U | Scrivens, Betty R. | U |
| Crowningshield, | | Jackman, Linda E. | L | Miller, Daniel J. | U | Scrivens, David F. | R |
| Jeanette | U | Jackson, Crystal Ann | U | Miller, Deborah | U | Sherman, Connie P. | U |
| | | Jackson, Darlene A. | U | Miller, Lisa Lynn | D | Sherman, Dohn W. | U |

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|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Shields, Helen R. | D | Taylor, Sharon L. | U | Weller, James D. | U |
| Shumway, Katherine | U | Taylor, Susan Berry | U | Wessman, Daniel J. | D |
| Sibley, Mary E. | R | Tower, Christine A. | U | White, Gerrit C. | U |
| Sittinger, Robert G., Jr. | R | Tower, Jonathan | U | White, Glenn | U |
| Smith, Floyd W. | U | Tower, Richard A., Sr. | R | White, Susan M. | D |
| Smith, Phyllis T. | U | Trehus, Jamie R. | U | Williams, Albert R. | U |
| Snivley, Mary Elizabeth | R | Truesdell, Richard H. | R | Williams, Frederick N. | U |
| Snyder, Catherine T. | U | Truesdell, Ruth A. | R | Williams, James H. | R |
| Snyder, Timothy C. | R | | | Williams, John H. | R |
| Sorenson, M. Dawn | U | Vadeboncoeur, | | Williams, Karin | U |
| Soviecke, Karen | U | Joseph A. | U | Williams, Nancy N. | R |
| Soviecke, Mitchell | U | VanItallie, JeanClaude | U | Williams, Robert O. | U |
| Soviecke, Nicholas J. | D | Veber, Aristia F. | U | Williams, Susan A. | U |
| Sprague, Brandon A. | U | Veber, Carole A. | U | Wilson, Douglas Rev. | D |
| Sprague, Katherine D. | R | Veber, Ellsworth W. Jr. | R | Wilson, Marilyn | R |
| Sprague, Kevin D. | U | Veber, Florence M. | U | Wondra, Mary O. | U |
| Stetson, Eric M. | U | Veber, George F. | R | Wood, Jennifer Y. | U |
| Stetson, Jane B. | U | Veber, Shirley | R | Wood, Susan Carol | U |
| Stetson, Wendell L. | U | Veber, Terry | R | Woodside, Margaret M. | D |
| Stevens, Dorothy N. | R | Vernes, Elizabeth A. | U | Woodward, Eleanor L. | U |
| Stickney, Barbara | R | Vernes, Ian Arie | U | Woodward, Martin V. | U |
| Swenson, Kristen C. | R | Volland, Phyllis E. | D | | |
| | | | | Zaklukiewicz, | |
| Taskey, Denise E. | U | Wayne, David B. | D | Bernard A. | R |
| Taskey, Jeffrey A. | U | Wayne, Rebecca B. | D | Zaklukiewicz, Joanne R. | U |
| Taylor, James W. | U | Webster, Gideon K. | U | Zelman, Dory | U |

**Town of Rowe
Voters List - 2000**

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| Libertarian | 1 |
| Socialist | 1 |
| Republican | 56 |
| Democrat | 44 |
| Unenrolled | 179 |
| Total Voters | 281 |

Board of Selectmen

The board held their regularly scheduled biweekly meetings faithfully throughout the year every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Rowe Town Hall. Additional meetings were held occasionally as workload dictated. Regular biweekly duties entailed reviewing and approving the accounting and payroll warrants for all town business, and approving meeting minutes for all meetings held.

Other regular duties throughout the year included:

- Appointments (approximately 100)
- Bid openings and awards
- Contracts with vendors, suppliers, contractors and consultants
- License agreements for computer hardware and software
- Budget preparation and review Doggone dogs!

Several special projects took place during 2000...

- Painting of five (5) town buildings (Town Hall, Library, Fire Station, Gazebo and Gracy House) by Northeast Painting of Northampton. We were very satisfied with this contractor. The work was completed professionally and conscientiously and on schedule.
- Repairing and refinishing of tile floor in Town Hall by Ron Jette of Rowe. Ron also was a pleasure to work with and we are pleased with the results.
- Replacement of front porch on Gracy House. Contractor for this job was Jim Cerone of Heath. As customary, Jim and crew did a great job.
- The transformation of the Assembly Room at the Town Hall into a Physical Fitness Center. Thanks to the Park Commission and Helen Huff for overseeing this project. They've all done a great job!

Projects that required a little TLC and patience were:

- The T-1 line that was installed at the Town Hall and Rowe Elementary School. Rural Western MA is considered "the wild frontier" when it comes to telecommu-

nications. We've had mixed results with our high-speed provider. When it does work, its quite amazing. . . instantaneous Internet! It does seem the kinks have been worked out for now.

- Boiler at the Town Hall. This has been an ongoing problem since the Town Hall expansion in the late 1980's. Barry Berard of Readsboro, VT is currently assessing this matter.

Department of Public Works business for the year included:

- Type I paving of Ford Hill Road, Newell Cross Road, a portion of Hazelton Road by Warner Bros. of Sunderland, MA.
- Hiring of consulting engineer to assess floor drains at the Town Garage and Fire Station to bring us into compliance with Federal EPA and Massachusetts DEP regulations. Highway Superintendent Jim Taylor is heading up this project. The next phase will focus on underground testing at the Town Garage in late Spring 2001.
- Purchase of (1) new sander
- Purchase of (1) new compressor
- Purchase of (1) new John Deere Payloader with sweeper attachment

We did fall victim to exorbitant gas and diesel prices early in the year 2000. Our winter road sand supplier was forced to relinquish his contract due to soaring fuel prices. Eilers Bros. of Readsboro, VT (next lowest bidder) graciously offered to pick up our account at their original bid price, and we finished out that season in fine shape.

The Board voted unanimously to continue with a split tax rate and adopted a minimum residential factor of 0.65 for FY 2000, which resulted in a residential tax rate of \$3.32 per thousand dollars in valuation and a commercial, industrial, personal property tax rate of \$5.08 per thousand dollars in valuation.

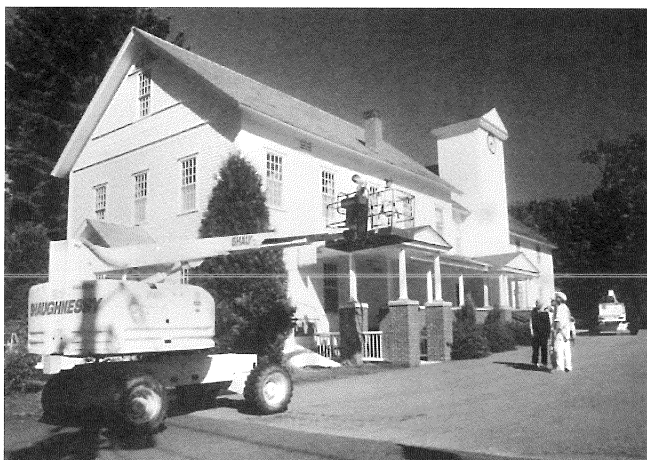


Photo: Norma Donelson

Painting Town Hall - Contractor: Northeast Painting of Northampton.



Photo: Richard Tower

Dec. 12, 2000 Storm Damage on Monroe Hill Rd. near Floyd Smith's

Special projects in the planning stage:

- An official town web site, which should be appearing in late Spring/early Summer 2001 is being created by retired Rowe school teacher Juanita Laffond. Juanita created the web site for the Rowe Elementary School.
- Repairs to the "Bridge Not Far Enough" at the Pelham Lake Dam.
- Paving at the Transfer Station.

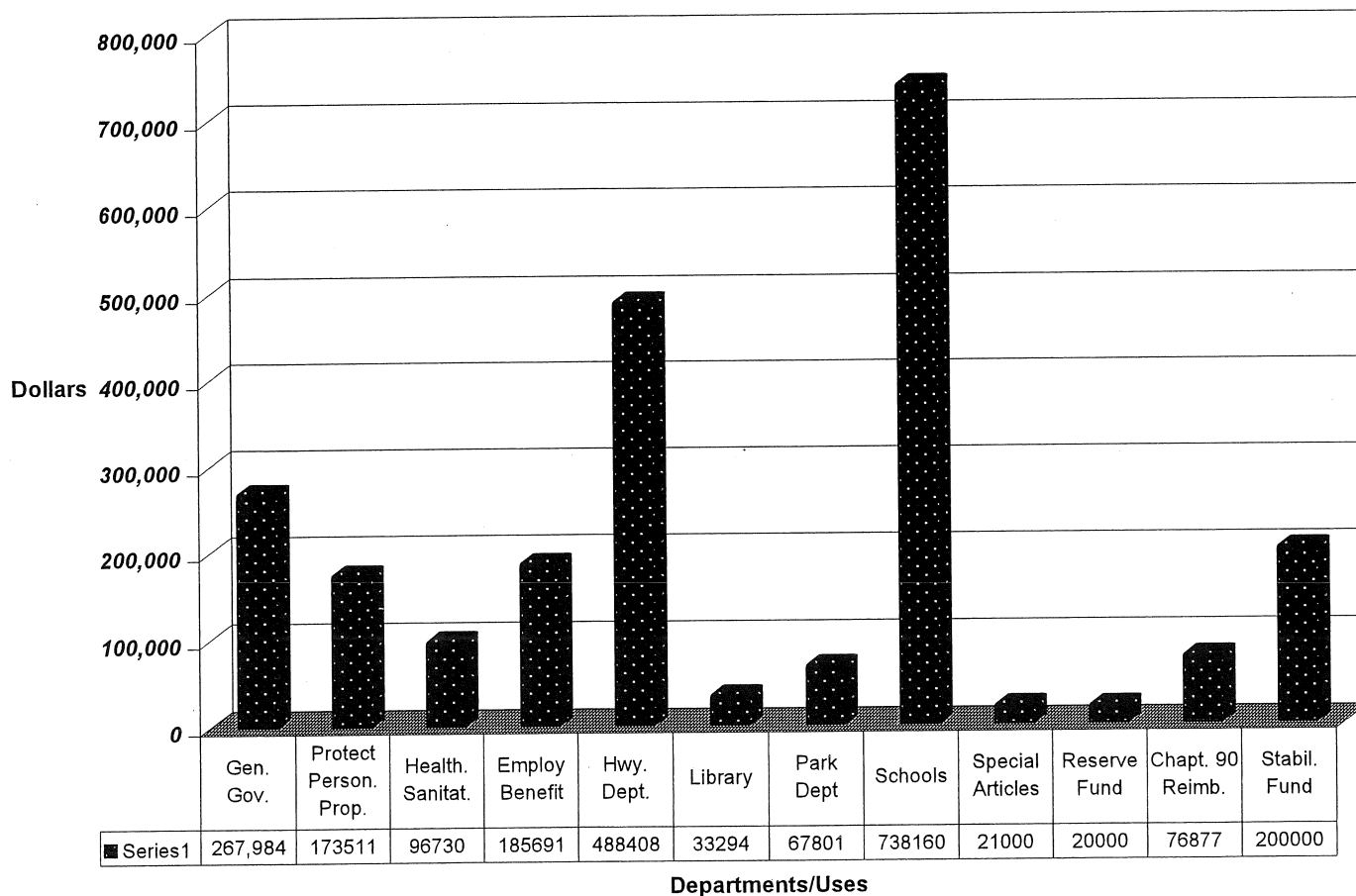
The Board thanks all those that so faithfully have been serving the town and townspeople, and especially those who report directly to us and make our jobs easier — Lissa Quinn, Jim Taylor, Henry Dandeneau, Ed May, Ruth Loomis, Bill Foster, Pete Codogni, Dick Tower and Sharon White.

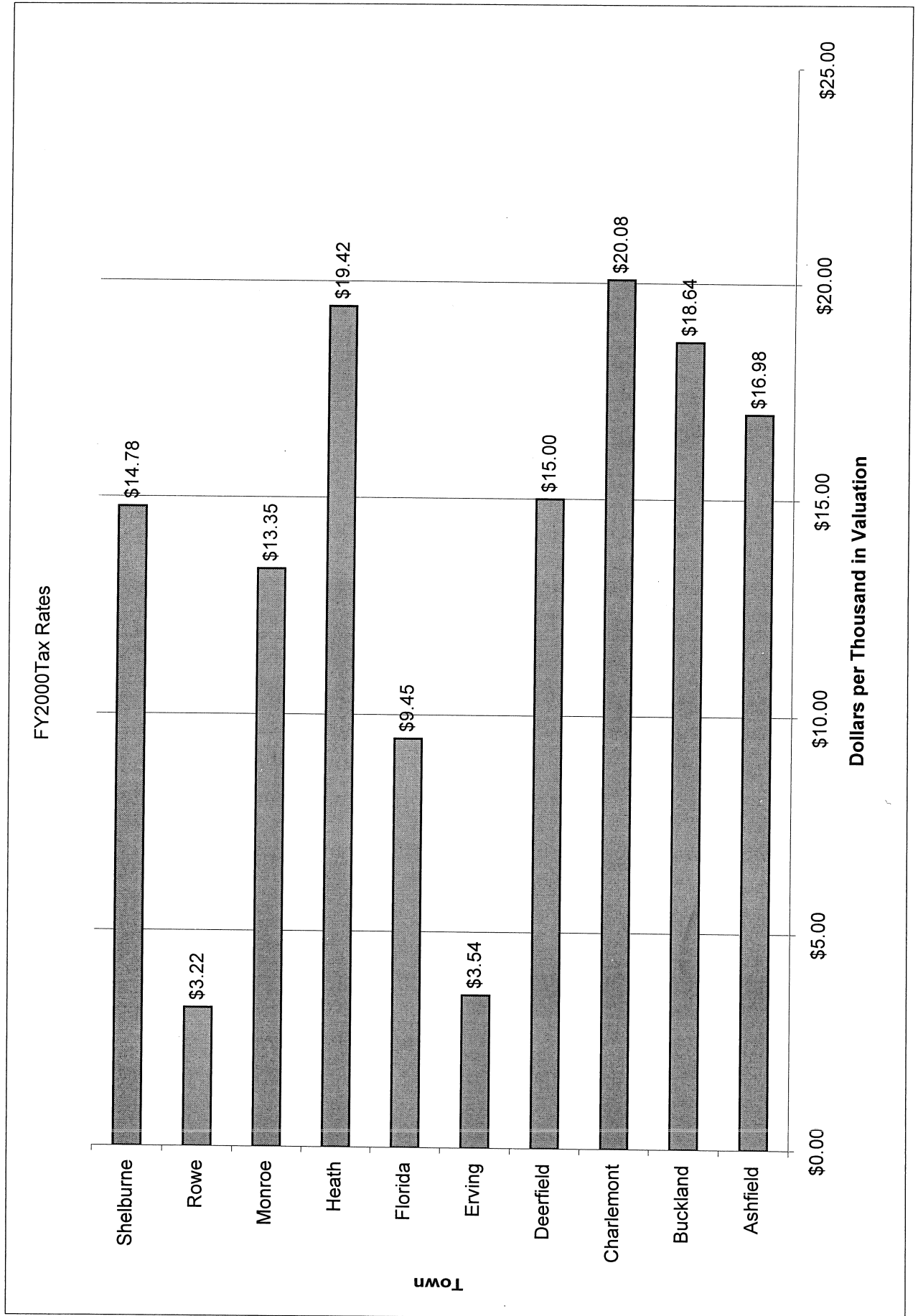
Of special note is the retirement of three men that served us so well for so many, many year **Karl Jurentkuff** (Police Officer, Moderator, Park Commissioner, School Committee member, Old Home Day Grand Poobah, Deacon, to name a few); **Lenny Laffond** (Selectman, Board of Health member, Park Commissioner, Assessor, Volunteer Fireman); and **Pete Codogni** (Plumbing Inspector). Between these three men there's nearly 90 years of town service. Thank you all for your contributions, careful planning, thoughtfulness, insight and personal sacrifice over the span of your civic careers.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Foberg

Annual Appropriations FY 2000





Board of Assessors

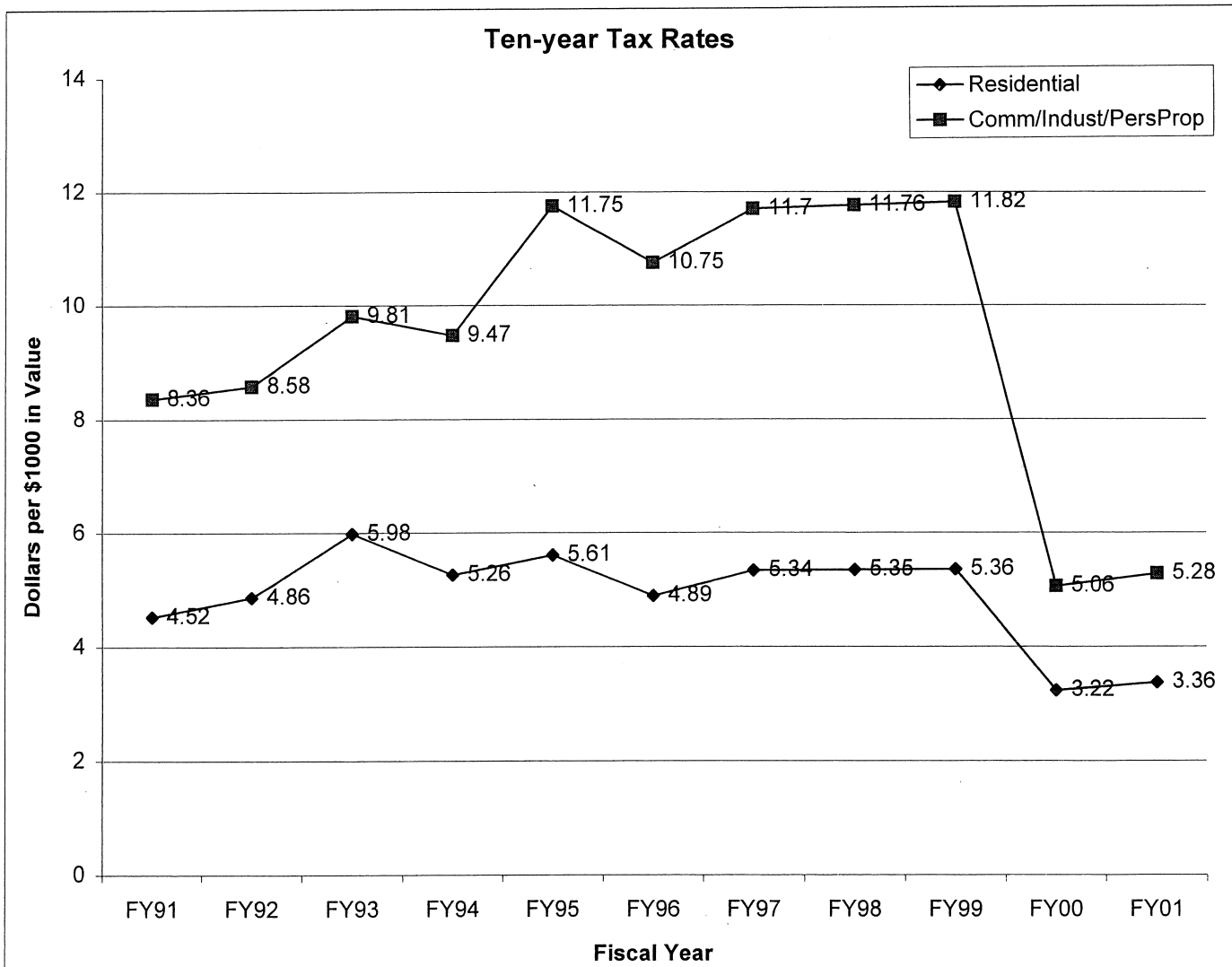
Ellen Foberg was re-elected to another three-year term and Rick Williams was again nominated to be chairman. We would like to thank Assessors Clerk, Sandy Daviau for her continued excellent work in the Assessors Office including interacting with the Town Accountant, Treasurer, and state officials to keep things running smoothly.

The deregulation of the electric utility industry in Massachusetts in 1998 had resulted in the sale of the hydroelectric generating facilities in town. The revaluation of properties conducted in 1999 for FY2000 had shown the value for the Bear Swamp facility to have more than tripled as a result of this deregulation. Delays in receiving state Department of Revenue (DOR) certification of the utility valuations however, caused the FY2000 tax bills to be delayed by almost six months until May. The generous voluntary partial pre-payment of tax bills by the utilities (and some residents) and the ability of the town to borrow from itself (Stabilization Fund) kept things running smoothly until the official tax bills finally went out near the end of the fiscal

year. The final outcome was that overall town valuation increased considerably from \$150,693,130 to \$421,062,824. The tax rate for FY2000 was the lowest in history for the town at \$3.22 (Residential) and \$5.06 (Commercial-Industrial-Personal).

After all the frustration and delays in setting the tax rate for FY2000, the Assessors looked forward to a straightforward process FY2001. Unfortunately some bugs with the new (for year 2000) Assessors computer hardware and software delayed this process as well until just after the new year. The total town valuation decreased slightly to \$414,609,128 and the FY 2001 tax rate increased slightly to \$3.36 (Residential) and \$5.28 (Commercial-Industrial-Personal).

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick N. Williams, Chairman
Ellen L. Foberg
Leonard J. Laffond



Property Transfers For 2000

WILLIAMS, ALBERT R. of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to WILLIAMS, ALBERT R. and KARIN L. property located at 58 Tatso Road.

O'BRIEN, JAMES E. and HANNIGAN-O'BRIEN, GEORGIA of Rowe, in consideration of \$210,000.00, grant to POEHLEIN, DAVID G. and MARK, JENNIFER S. of Washington, property located at 61 Zoar Road.

SULLIVAN, ADRIENNE P. of Manchester, CT, in consideration of \$105,000, grant to LESHURE, LAWRENCE M. of Rowe, property located at 75 Cross Road.

RIGGAN, WILLIAM G. of Forestville, California, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to RIGGAN, DEBORAH M. of Leverett, MA and RIGGAN, JOHN R. of Rowe, property located on Leshure Road.

ADAMS, PAUL E. of Bradenton, FL, in consideration of no monetary consideration, grant to ADAMS, STEVEN BRYAN and JOANN of Briarcliff Manor, NY, property located on Cyrus Stage Road.

ADAMS, PAUL E. of Bradenton, FL, in consideration of no monetary consideration, grant to ADAMS, SCOTT ROBERT & JAN of Wellesley, MA, property located on Cyrus Stage Road.

MILLER, DEBORAH of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to MILLER, DANIEL J. & DEBORAH of Rowe, property located at 163 Ford Hill Road.

JURENTKUFF, KARL E. & VIRGINIA P. of Rowe, in consideration of \$25,000.00, grant to WILLIAMS, FREDERICK N. & PIKE, LAURIE J. of Rowe, property located on Middletown Hill Road.

WESSMAN, DANIEL JAMES & ROCHE, BARBARA JILL of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to WESSMAN, DANIEL J. & ROCHE, BARBARA J. of Rowe, property located at 37 Davenport Branch Road.

KENNEDY, JAMES T. & GEORGIANA of Brooklyn, NY, in consideration of \$9,900.00, grant to PURINTON, SCOTT of Hawley, MA, property located on Stone Hill Road.

VEBER, WAYNE L. of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to VEBER, ARISTIA F. of Rowe, property located at 31 Steele Brook Road.

SHILLIETO, RUSSELL K. & PAMELA A. of Bethlehem, NH, in consideration of \$136,000, grant to HOLT, DAVID J. & NEWMAN, JUDITH H. of New York, NY, property located at 168 Ford Hill Road.

PURINTON, SCOTT of Hawley, MA, in consideration of \$9,900.00, grant to ROBERTS, LEONARD H. of Ashfield, MA, property located on Stone Hill Road.

MORENCY, DANIEL N. & KAREN E. of Lowell, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to MORENCY, DANIEL N. of Lowell, MA, property located on Cyrus Stage Road.

PEPYNE, EDWARD W., SR. of Ashfield, MA & EDWARD W., JR. of Deerfield, MA, in consideration of \$6,720.00, grant to NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION, INC. of Groton, MA, property located off Zoar Road.

PEPYNE, EDWARD W. & CAROL J. of Ashfield, MA, in consideration of \$268,968.00, grant to NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION, INC. of Groton, MA, property on Zoar Road.

DUNNELL, GILBERT R. & HELEN S. of Brattleboro, VT, for no monetary consideration, grant to DUNNELL, PAUL P. & DALE S. of West Chesterfield, NH, property located on Leshure Road.

STANKOWICZ, DOROTHY of New Britain, CT, in consideration of \$80,000.00, grant to CORARITO, ARTHUR & MARY ANN of Rowe, property located at 64 Dell Road.

FAGNONI, ROBERT J. of Glastonbury, CT, in consideration of \$70,000.00, grant to WOOD, SUSAN C. & JOLLY, RUSSELL W. of Rowe, property located at 19 Stone Road.

LEHR, DOROTHY E., BRUCE, & HEIDI (LEHR) COUSINEAU all of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to LEHR, DOROTHY E. BRUCE, & HEIDI of Rowe and GARY LEHR of Norton, MA property located at 306 Zoar Road.

BOULLIE, JOHN T. & CAMILLE M. of East Dennis, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to BOUILLE, JOHN T. & CAMILLE M., Trustees of the RIVER REALTY TRUST in E. Dennis, MA, property located on Ford Hill Road.

BANNISH, THADDEUS J. & AARON P., Trustees of the BANNISH REALTY TRUST of Westfield, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to BANNISH PRESERVES, INC. property located off Zoar Road.

JURENTKUFF, KARL E. JR. & VIRGINIA P. of Rowe, in consideration of \$55,000, grant to LARNED, LANCE of Rowe, property located at 26 Newell Cross Road.

GERMAN, ANN E. of Centerville, MA, in consideration of \$38,000, grant to VAN ITALIE, JEAN CLAUDE of Rowe, property located on Davenport Road.

Animal Inspector's Report

There were no reports of rabies in Rowe during the year.

Please remember to keep your pets vaccinated against rabies and other transmittable diseases.

Remember, wild animals are best not handled. Please enjoy them at a distance.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Williams, Animal
Inspector

Board of Health

The Board of Health continues to meet alternate Tuesdays throughout the year. To those new to town, your Selectmen also serve as members of your Board of Health. As a result of annual town elections, we welcomed Geoffrey Bagley as a new member. He replaces Leonard Laffond. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lenny for his service to the town. Lenny gave of that commodity most precious to us all, time; and for that we are indebted. Thank you again Lenny.

Health Agent

Sharon White was once again appointed as our town health agent. She continues to provide us with her expert assistance. Her workload continues to increase; currently she officiates at Title V inspections, percolation tests, and food service establishment inspections. These are conducted at the Rowe School, Rowe Camp and Conference Center, and Maple House Bed and Breakfast. She also keeps us updated on the ever-changing state regulations pertaining to each of these various areas. This year a new state regulation was put in place that requires all restaurants and other food establishments to have a person in charge that is a certified food protection manager. Local food establishments were notified of this change and information on how and where to attend courses forwarded. Our town is fortunate to have such a capable person serving us in this important position. Thank you Sharon.

Certified Water Inspector

The board continues to utilize Berkshire Enviro-Labs, with certified water inspector Bill Enser, to test municipal public water supplies. These include The Town Hall, Town Garage, Fire Station, Library, School, Pitcher Pump and swimming area at Pelham Park. In addition the Avery Fountain located across from the Community Church is also tested. All results for drinking water were within permissible limits. The only exception occurred at the Town Beach Area. This was a result of heavy rainfall in the first week of August, causing flooding in the local area, and with this natural "flushing action" the beach area water test showed elevated bacteria levels. The beach was officially closed to swimming until results were obtained that indicated the

water quality had stabilized. On August 11, Governor Cellucci signed Bill 5395, establishing minimum standards for public bathing beaches. Testing is now required on a weekly basis for the swim season (Memorial Day - Labor Day), and after any substantial rainfall in excess of a certain amount of inches. The Board of Health and Park Commission will be coordinating testing, in an effort to establish an "early warning" device to protect public health. On July 21 a new law became effective which makes it easier for residents to alleviate threats caused by Beaver and Muskrat related flooding and electrical damage caused by gnawing. The Board of Health permit authorizes the applicant to remedy the threat in one of three ways:

- 1 - Use of cage-type traps
- 2 - Breaching of dams (subject to determination of the Conservation Commission)
- 3 - Use of non-lethal management of water flow devices.

Town Nurse Practitioner

Ruth Loomis continues in her position as Town Nurse, with medical supervision provided by Dr. Robert Miller of Shelburne Falls. She holds regular office hours, makes home visits and attends to off-hour medical emergencies. In a rural community such as ours, all age groups have benefited from Ruth's professionalism and personal interest in our well-being. We can't thank you enough Ruth.

Inspector of Animals

Carol Lively served as Animal Inspector until the end of March, replaced by Albert Williams. Al also serves as the Town Dog Officer. Thank you Al for taking on yet another job. The Animal Inspectors duties include inspecting all farm animals and barns in town once a year, providing a count of all farm animals, horses, cows, cattle, swine, goats, sheep, and fowl to the state, contacting owners on animal complaints, and acting upon any reports of potentially rabid animals. Thank you Carol and Al.

Transfer Station Attendant

Dick Tower continues as attendant with helper "Archie". As requested by the Franklin County Solid Waste District, a regulation was adopted banning all yard waste from the Rowe Transfer Station. Yard waste has not been accepted for years, and the ban is noted in the transfer station manual. Television sets and computer monitors are now accepted. They will be transported to an Amherst facility with the town paying the average fee of \$5.00 for disposal of individual units. After reviewing plans and estimates submitted by three local contractors, construction of the swap shed at the transfer station was begun. Builder Steve Crowningshield did a fine job of carpentry all the while battling adverse winter conditions so as to provide us with a completed building in time for spring cleaning! Items accepted will include serviceable house-wares and appliances, furniture in good repair, books, tools, building materials and children's toys. Be sure to stop by for a browse on a regular basis. This is sure to be a popular shopping "hot spot".

Your local Board of Health is also required to inspect all new septic systems, as well as repairs of failed septic systems. The following is an account of inspections conducted this year.

Soils Suitability/Percolation Tests Performed:

Map 6, Lot 43/44 Cornish, Dell Rd, 5/22/00, failed
Map 1, Lot 20, Veber, Middletown Hill Rd, 5/24/00, failed
Map 6, Lot 46, German, Davenport Rd, 5/24/00, failed
Map 5, Lot 27, Rowe Camp, Kings Highway 6/29 & 30/00, passed
Map 3, Lot 44, Peterson, Zoar Rd, 11/17/00, passed
Map 11, Lot 118, Johnson, Cyrus Stage 5/24/00, no test performed
Map 11, Lot 11, Kennedy, Stone Hill Rd /24/00, no test performed

On Site Sewage Disposal Installation Permits Issued:

Map 12, Lot 87, Corarito, Ford Hill Rd, Install System
Map 8, Lot 2, Burke, Tunnel Rd, New system
Map 11, Lot 92, Jolly/Wood, Stone Rd, New system
Map 11, Lot 73, Zak, Leshure Rd, New distribution box and leach field
Map 12, Lot 91, Carlow, Ford Hill Rd, New system
Map 3, Lot 44, Peterson, Zoar Rd, New system

Title V Inspections of On - Site Sewage Disposal Systems:

Map 8, Lot 2, Burke, Tunnel Rd, final inspection, passed
Map 3, Lot 44, Peterson, Zoar Rd, Failed
Map 6, Lot 15, Stankewicz, Dell Rd, Sale of property, failed
Map 2, Lot 17, Atwood, Pond Rd, final inspection, passed
Map 11, Lot 20, Sullivan, Cross Rd, Post repair inspection, passed
Map 2, Lot 20, Graziano, Pond Rd, final inspection, passed
Map 11, Lot 73, Zak, Leshure Rd, Sale of property, failed

Septic Tank Pumping Records

Map 11, Lot 89, Donelson, Potter Rd, 1500 gal, good condition, Greg's Waste Water Removal
Map 1, Lot 32, Veber, Pine Hill Dr, 1000 gal, satisfactory condition, Houghton Sanitary
Map 3, Lot 29, Todd Veber, Zoar Rd, 1000 gal, satisfactory condition, Bostley Sanitary Service
Map 4, Lot 30, Hervieux, For Hill Rd, 1000 gal, good condition, Houghton Sanitary
Map 3, Lot 26, Foster, Zoar Rd, 1000 gal, good condition, Houghton Sanitary
Map 1, Lot 49, Posever, Zoar Rd, 1000 gal, good condition, Houghton Sanitary
Map 10, Lot 24, Veber, Aristia, Steele Brook Rd, 1000 gal, ok condition 12/7/99
Map 1, Lot 9, Paige, Newell Cross Rd, 1000 gal, condition ok 12/21/99

Map 1, Lot 29, Jurentkuff, Pine Hill Dr, 1000 gal, condition ok 11/27/99

Map 2, Lot 60, Rice, Dean, Ford Hill Rd, 1000 gal, condition ok 10/26/99

Map 2, Lot 61, Boggs, Middletown Hill Rd, 1500 gal, condition ok, 5/3/99

Map 11, Lot 96 Quist, Ford Hill Rd, 1000 gal tank, condition ok 7/19/99

Map 3, Lot 60, Carse, Zoar Rd, 500 gal tank, condition ok, 6/28/99

Map 11, Lot 62, Morse, Stone Hill Rd, 1000 gal, condition ok, 8/3/99

Map 1, Lot 11, McLatchy, Newell Cross Rd, 1000 gal, condition ok, 6/3/99

Map 1, Lot 61, Williams, Ford Hill Rd, 1000 gal, condition good, 5/3/99

Map 1, Lot 11, McLatchy, Newell Cross Rd, 1500 gal, condition ok, 1/11/00

Map 11, Lot 86, Riggan, Leshure Rd, 1000 gal tank, condition ok, 6/23/00

Map 3, Lot 44, Peterson, Zoar Rd, 1000 gal tank, condition ok, 6/26/00

Map 1, Lot 8, Brown, Roger, Newell Cross Rd, 1000 gal tank, condition ok, 6/15/00

Map 3, Lot 22, Rowe Highway Department, 1000 gal tank, condition ok, 12/9/99

Map 1, Lot 31 Bensen, Pine Hill Dr, 1000 gal tank, condition ok, 11/8/99

Map 13, Lot 14, Smith, Monroe Hill Rd, 1000 gal tank, condition ok, 11/3/99

Map 5, Lot 20, Rowe Camp & Conference, 2000 gal, condition ok, 11/23/99

Map 5, Lot 27, Rowe Camp & Conference, 5000 gal, condition ok, 11/19/99

Map 2, Lot 45, Rowe Park, 500 gal, condition ok, 12/1/99

Well Logs Received:

Map 11, Lot 117, Jette, Old Cyrus Stage Rd. Lynde Well Drillers, Guilford, VT

Map 8, Lot 2, Burke, Tunnel Rd, 10 GPM, 445' deep, Lynde Well Drillers, Guilford, VT

Licenses Issued**Septage Pumper/ Hauler:**

Bostley Sanitary Service, Colrain, MA
Hartigan Company, Colrain, MA
Houghton Sanitary Service, Guilford, VT

Septic Installers:

James Williams Excavating, Rowe, MA
Danek Excavating, Rowe, MA
Barkus Excavating, Readsboro, VT

Temporary Food Establishment Licenses Issued: (Old Home Day)

Rowe Community Church, Rowe, MA
Readsboro Lions Club, Readsboro, VT
Colrain Lions Club, Colrain, MA
Hager Family Farm

Extensions for Construction of Replacement Septic Systems Granted:

Carlow, Ford Hill Rd 7/31/00 - Jim Williams, installer
Peterson, Zoar Rd, 6/30/01 - Jim Williams, installer
Graziano, Pond Rd, 8/31/00 - Jim Williams, installer

Building permits: Reviewed as Required For Applicability to Current Title V Requirements.

Once again the board had a very busy year attending to a broad range of responsibilities concerning public health. Keeping a detailed record of all the business that transpires is extremely important. We have Melissa Quinn to thank for continuing the excellent job she does. You just keep getting better & better Melissa! Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jo Phelps, Chairman
Ellen Foberg
Geoffery Bagley

Building Inspector

During the year 2000, 67 building permits were issued as follows:

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| Remodeling | 20 |
| New Buildings/Additions | 20 |
| New Siding | 2 |
| Wood Stoves | 1 |
| Replacement Windows | 4 |
| Demolitions | 4 |
| New Roofs | 9 |
| Swimming Pools | 1 |
| Tents | 2 |
| Signs | 1 |
| Building Moved | 1 |
| New Chimney | 1 |
| New Fireplace | 1 |

In addition, 78 certificates of inspection were issued; these represent public buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

William Foster,
Inspector of Buildings

Beautification Committee

Despite the soggy start, spring clean up around the town hall complex was completed in time for Memorial Day weekend. Foundation plantings received their annual trim, mulch and weeding. Window boxes were planted, hanging baskets of ivy geraniums hung in the gazebo and flowers planted around the war memorial and fire station. As a result of the painting of the fire station, the overgrown fire bush and rhododendron surrounding it were given a radical pruning. We were saddened by the loss of the beautiful old flowering crab apple that graced the entrance area to the fire station.

The Highway Department once again took care of the weekly mowing and trimming of all lawns. They also hung flags and bunting to decorate for Old Home Day. Thank you Jim and crew.

Autumn found us planting drifts of old-fashioned daffodils in prominent locations about town. A total of 1,600 bulbs were established with the help of volunteer planters. A special thank you to Laurie Pike, Library Trustee, who helped plant the front lawn of the library.

Mixed greens were used to create the holiday roping decorating the columns on the town hall, along with wreaths on every door. Thank you, Carol Lively, for a great job. Carol was also hired to do fall clean up of our plantings and created a "bright nights" effect on the town green with the purchase and installation of strings of white lights.

We welcomed the appointment of Jodi Brown of Newell Cross Road as a new member this year. We thank Cindy Laffond for all her years of work on this committee, and especially for her service as chairman. We are still short one member, so please contact us if you are interested in joining up!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Phelps
Ellen Foberg
Dick Tower
Jodi Brown



Photo: Norma Donelson

A bear at the bird feeder — an all too familiar sight in Rowe.

Cemetery Commission

This year work on the East Cemetery stonewall continued. Levin Hardison did a superb job raising the wall and matching the stonework to the old wall. More native stone is needed to continue. Anyone that knows of old stone piles please contact any commissioner.

General repair work was continued on damaged head stones. The Commission would like to thank the Vebers and Al Morse for doing a great job maintaining the cemetery grounds.

Cemetery plots are available in all three cemeteries. You may call Chairman James Williams at 339-4731 for information on purchasing a plot.

Anyone with questions or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

James Williams
Richard Tower
James Taylor

Conservation Commission

The Town of Rowe Conservation Commission continues to meet on an as needed basis to conduct any business that is brought before it.

This year hearings were held to deal with filed Notice of Intent and forest cutting plans.

Yankee Atomic Electric Company filed a Notice of Intent to request permission to demolish a modular building, excavate the soil under the building and to construct a 125' x 60' concrete loading dock in preparation of their spent fuel transfers to the dry cask storage. After Yankee's consultant gave a presentation of the project that included some work within the Sherman Pond buffer zone and there being no objection to this project, the commission voted to write the Order of Conditions as required.

The commission also reviewed a cutting plan that was submitted by Roberts Brothers Lumber Company for lot #11, on Stone Hill Road. After the plan was reviewed with no issues it was filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey N. Bagley, Chairman
Robert J. Clancy
Robert R. Rice
John H. Williams

Community Center Building Committee Report

After the Town Meeting in May of 2000, the committee began meetings to scale down the size of the building as was indicated by voters. In the early fall, a Request for Proposal was advertised throughout the state to interested architectural design firms. One stipulation was that the principal office of the firm be within an hour's travel time of the project. Three firms from several proposals were selected for interview. After careful interviews, reference checks and site visits to determine which would suit our needs, the firm of Williams/Dahlquist was chosen to design the project. It is clear to them that the final decision whether to continue with the project rests with a vote at the Annual Town Meeting this year.

The committee has held open meetings, including one in January, to review the status of the project and answer questions. More formal informational meetings and another open forum are planned to prepare for the vote in May, which will actually cover only the design costs. The monies for the actual building will have to be voted on at a Special Town Meeting because of the nature of the financing. The committee has found a financial consultant, Unibank from Worcester, specializing in municipal loans. There are a number of options available and those will be discussed at the informational forum on April 25 at 7 PM, Town Hall, to prepare us for the Town Meeting Vote.

We have also solicited support from town elected boards. At the time of writing this report, the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Park Commission have adopted motions of unanimous support. We hope that other Boards will follow.

The committee has worked hard and maintained enthusiasm for this wonderful project. Bob Clancy has stepped down as chair but remains on the committee. Ruth Loomis has taken on the responsibility with the enthusiastic support of other members. We look forward to the discussion at the Town Meeting and hope for a favorable vote.

Community Center Building Committee

Members:
Ruth Loomis, Chair
Roberta Baker
Bob Clancy
Laurie Pike
Gerrit White
Jack Williams
Margaret Woodside, Secretary

Rowe Cultural Council

The Rowe Cultural Council funded the following events all or in part in 2000.

| Event | Amount |
|---|------------|
| Alicia Quintano Tales of Old and New Frontiers | \$250.00 |
| The Academy at Charlemont Summer Theater Workshop | \$200.00 |
| The Academy at Charlemont Six performances of Orpheus & Euridice | \$300.00 |
| John Root Sextet Old Home Day Sextet Concert | \$900.00 |
| Creative Thought Ashfield Community Theater | \$180.00 |
| Rowe Elementary School Pioneer Valley Symphony | \$145.00 |
| Rowe Elementary School This Way to Words and Stories | \$625.00 |
| The Art Bank Scholarship Program | \$250.00 |
| Pothole Pictures 2000 Film Series | \$50.00 |
| Mohawk Trail Concerts Nine Concert Series | \$300.00 |
| Total Approved by the Rowe Cultural Council | \$3,200.00 |

The mandate for a Massachusetts Cultural Arts Council is to support local programs in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences by way of exhibit or public performance, whenever possible contributing to the cultural life of the community. At this writing the events for 2001 have been selected and we await word from Boston to notify artists and performers. The Rowe Cultural Council hopes that each of the new events for this year will be enjoyed and will enrich the lives of those that attend and participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Donelson, Chair
Anne Besgin
Bob Clancy
Betty Lenth
Marilyn Wilson

Dog Officer

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| Number of stray dogs found in Rowe ... | 0 |
| Number of lost dogs | 1 |
| Number of complaints | 5 |
| Number of stray cats | 0 |

Please make sure your pets are vaccinated and up to date on all their shots due to increased diseases in wildlife.

Again, townspeople are reminded to purchase their 2001 dog licenses from the Town Clerk. The 2000 licenses expired on March 31, 2001.

Thanks to the townspeople for their cooperation and help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Williams, Dog Officer

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

This year the Town of Rowe saw a significant increase in calls. The first responders and EMTs responded to 33 emergencies, 6 of which were auto accidents. This total was up from only 19 emergency calls in 1999. With this increase in calls the dedication of our EMTs shows through. They continue to respond in a timely manner to any situation and for this we are thankful.

Rowe EMS personnel will respond to your emergency with the knowledge and equipment to help stabilize a patient before and during transport to the hospital by ambulance. Being as rural as the town of Rowe is, our first responders may play a critical role in the outcome of your emergency, and thus are an important part of the chain of survival. Rowe EMS works very closely with the Rowe fire department. Most of our members are cross-trained as medical fire and or police personnel. We respond to fire and police scene to aid and support those departments. I have seen and heard of only the highest quality of care being given to patients in the town of Rowe. Patient care is delivered with the highest level of integrity.

Once again I find myself thinking what a pleasure and honor it is to work alongside my neighbors who have chosen to support Rowe emergency medical services.

Respectfully submitted,

Thanks, Jean-Paul Migeon
EMS Coordinator
medic164@mindspring.com

Finance Committee

During 2000, the Finance Committee had a routine year as far as conducting regular monthly meetings to review warrants and spending. We have observed great improvement among all committees in administering their budget.

As a group, the Finance Committee studied new regulations of Proposition 2 1/2, reviewed the audit prepared by Scott M. Sawyer, CPA and became more familiar with municipal government. We are looking forward to seeing the inspired goals of the committees continued in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Atwood
Joseph Ricotta
Aristia Veber
(Dorothy Page, Chairman)

Health Agent/Sanitarian

During the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000, with members of the Board of Health the following inspections were conducted:

1. 15 Septic Inspections
2. Food Inspections included:
 - 1 Bed & Breakfast
 - 1 Elementary School
 - 1 Rec. Center Kitchen (Rowe Camp)
 - 1 Farmhouse Kitchen (Conference Center)
3. 1 Camp Inspection
4. 1 Day Camp Inspection

I wish to thank the Board of Health for the fine co-operation extended to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon White,
Regional Health Agent
Franklin Regional Council of
Governments

Goal Post Report

It has been a year of changes for the Goal Post. After some years of the excellent editorship of Sue wood, Carol Lively and I took over in February of 2000. In June, Carol decided that it was more than she could manage with her responsibilities as a mom. We were without a town newsletter for two months. In August, I took the plunge and became the editor with an incredible amount of support from the Planning Board and my computer "guru," Eugene Michalenko of Adams Specialty & Printing Co., who has been our printer for years. He took the time to spend hours at my home computer and hours on the phone with me until I have become much more secure. I can't thank him enough.

Phyllis Smith still ably handles the Business Administration. Chris Tower is the messenger for the hard copy of the

Goal Post who has waited a few times for me to finish that last minute change to the text. Billie Brown and Barbara Stickney still faithfully do the final production with Chris. Thanks to them all.

It just wouldn't be the same Goal Post without the lovely pictures taken by Dick Tower. We have also had some unusual pictures from Norma Donelson. I think the November photo of the geese on Pelham Lake is one of the most beautiful. I would like to thank Bob Clancy for the welcome photos of activities at the school. I would like to thank everyone who has sent me a picture of a personal or family event.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Woodside, Editor

Fire Department

During the last report period the Fire Department responded to forty-three calls:

- 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 3 Fire Detection Activation
- 1 Motor Vehicle Fire
- 27 Medical Emergencies
- 4 Mutual Aid Calls
- 1 Chimney Fire
- 2 Electrical Line Problems
- 1 Basement Flooding
- 1 Fire Drill at Yankee

As a result of the Department's chimney cleaning program, twenty-one homes' chimneys were inspected and/or cleaned this year. In the coming year, as in the past, we will clean the chimneys of the elderly and assist able-bodied residents. We will attempt to conduct the cleaning in August and September, before the heating season, so names should be submitted early.

This year Rowe Firefighter James White participated in Confined Space Rescue Training, Hazardous Material Operations Level Training, Structural Firefighting Training, and Flammable Gas Training conducted at the Barnstable County Fire Training Academy. The hands-on training was sponsored by Yankee Atomic Electric Company for their on-site brigade.

The effort to improve the water supply sites in the town for fire fighting use was delayed because of an injury to the contractor who was to do the work. This project will start this year instead and will enlarge, clean out and/or deepen water holes and water sources in town. These water supplies will have pipe installed to allow the rapid use of the water any time of the year. This project is expected to be an ongoing endeavor, assuming continued funding by the town.

Enhanced 9-1-1 became operational in December of 1995. You have to dial only three digits, 9-1-1, to notify the Rowe Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Medical Services of emergency situations. When you make a 9-1-1 call the dispatcher has the telephone number, the name listed for that number and the address of the originating phone location on a computer screen in front of him/her. When assistance is needed, call 9-1-1 **immediately**, do not waste precious time trying to contact a friend, neighbor, or member of the Department for assistance. If you have a special need please contact me and I will provide the necessary information to the dispatch center.

Lieutenant Rob Williams has spent many hours photographing the homes and outbuildings in town and entering the photos in the Fire Department computer. These photographs will be used to preplan for potential fires. They will also be called up by the firefighter in the communications room of the fire station to provide information to the firefighters on the scene.

The Fire Department applied for and received approval of a grant from the state to purchase a thermal imaging camera. The grant money was made available by the firefighter safety equipment program approved by Gov. Argeo Paul Cellucci and the Massachusetts State Legislature. The equipment to be purchased under this grant was approved by the five-member firefighter safety equipment

advisory board. This equipment will allow the firefighter carrying the equipment to see through the smoke filled atmosphere of a fire. The camera will also provide a signal back to the fire apparatus to allow the officer at the truck to monitor what is happening in the fire building, enabling him to make more informed decisions during firefighting activities. This input will improve firefighter safety and aid in rescue attempts if they become necessary. The camera can also be used to detect hot spots before a fire starts or during the

overhaul process after the fire is extinguished. Because the camera does not need visible light another important use would be during search activities for lost individuals at night.

The Fire Department is made up completely of volunteers from Town. The effectiveness of this organization is determined by the number of individuals it can train and maintain in a state of readiness, and by the condition of its equipment. We welcome anyone who is interested in protecting his/her own and his neighbors' lives and property from the potentially devastating effects of fire. Not all of the activities required to prepare for and combat a fire involve hands-on fire fighting. There is plenty of other work with which we could use help. Our program of regular monthly training/meetings is announced in the Goal Post for each upcoming month. These sessions are approximately one hour in length. This is a small investment of your time when you weigh it against the potential benefit that may be derived from your membership. The officers of the department would like to take this time to thank all members who participate in our activities regularly, and ask other members of the town to become involved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edwin L. May, Fire Chief

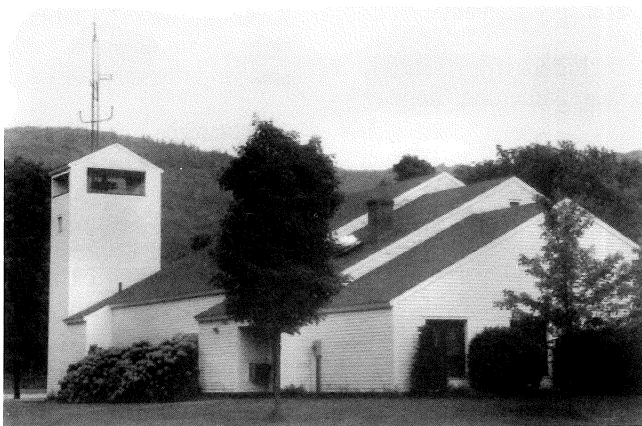


Photo: Norma Donelson

Rowe Fire Station

Library Trustees

This year it has been the responsibility of the trustees to prepare written policies that reflect library services and resources available to our community. Written policies comply with Massachusetts laws and prevent misunderstanding for patrons and staff. This information is available at the Librarian's desk for everyone to read.

Our library is a good example of old-fashioned personal attention and modern technology. The answering machine and fax have added to patron's convenience.

Library service has been increased to twenty-three hours weekly.

Chair Susan Williams edits and publishes a monthly newsletter featuring new books, videos and special events.

The Librarian's projects have included story telling, parade costumes, monarch butterflies, gardening, holiday programs and game nights.

Minor additions include a childproof gate across the basement stairs and for the children's room a fish tank with four goldfish, a dollhouse and a family of teddy bears. The staff is presently weeding the collection of old books that have been rarely in circulation. The building has been scraped, primed and re-painted. Maybe a dragon will appear on the lawn this spring.

Thanks to you, the Rowe voters, the library offers an opportunity for children to discover the pleasure of reading, students to explore their need for knowledge and for all to share the pleasure of life-long learning.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Williams, Chairman
Laurie Pike
Kathleen Oliver, Secretary



Rowe Library - Spring at last!

Nurse Practitioner

Health Services has enjoyed its second year in the community with amazing growth in the utilization of services. There were 1155 patient visits this year, 135 of which were house calls to homebound elders, new mothers or recently hospitalized residents. This reflects a 23% increase over last year. 220 of the town's 365 residents have now been cared for at health services.

Residents are seen for a variety of needs; acute illness care, health or illness education, patient advocacy, assistance obtaining care for the uninsured or the under-insured, vaccinations, arrangements for care or assisted living, meals on wheels, life call, special needs appliances and energy assistance. Several residents received routine immunizations and 111 residents were vaccinated against influenza this fall. Although we suffered from our share of viral illnesses, I am only aware of 3 cases of the more severe influenza virus, showing the value of vaccination.

Quarterly Reports were made to the Board of Health. Thanks to the new computer system in town, all statistics, immunization records and reports have been transferred into a permanent computer based record keeping system. Excel programming has also simplified inventory organization and replenishment in the office leaving me more time for patient care. Monthly Goal Post Articles on health related topics are easier for the editors to manage from computer to computer. I must add that the necessary skills to utilize the programs was and continues to be quite a challenge.

Health Services would like to thank the Park Commission, Tom Willard, Nick Sovieckie and Helen Huff for the creation of the town exercise room. This will benefit the health of our community in several ways; helping people normalize their weight, lower their blood pressures and cholesterol levels, control their diabetes and stay fit for life. Special thanks also to Dr. Miller for his tireless support of our Health Services.

Several residents have utilized our free loan program for medical assistance devices and furnishings. New items have been donated and remain on hand for all to use when the need arises.

In the cycle of life, we welcomed several new babies into town and bid a fond farewell to some of our dearest neighbors. A fund for home care needs has been established in loving memory of Roberta Lane.

The strength of this small community lies in the caring bonds between its people. We worry about each other, look out for one another and are always willing to lend a hand to help maintain each other's dignity and independence. My thanks to all of you who make this town a wonderful place to call our home.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Loomis, NP

Millennium Committee

The committee met on January 27, 2000 to plan for a "Millennium Spring Brunch". It was decided to have the brunch at the school on Sunday, March 19th from 11 AM to 2:00 PM. Since we had such good luck with hiring Mike Wollcott of South Deerfield's Elm Farm Bakery for the January 1st Millennium Ball festivities, we decided to go with him again for the brunch. The menu he proposed of roast top round of beef with horseradish sauce, (sliced at the table), Belgian waffles with maple syrup, eggs benedict, crudité's of fresh vegetables, Danish pastry, special breads, cookie and brownie trays, freshly brewed coffee and orange juice was well received by all who attended this free brunch. We estimated about 95 to 110 people attended the brunch.

Souvenir champagne glasses and coffee mugs were given out to those who attended the event. Spring flower centerpieces grown by Mary Jo Phelps were a great hit. Seeing blooming hyacinths, daffodils and narcissus at this time of year was refreshing giving everyone hopes of the spring yet to come. The centerpieces were given away at the conclusion of the brunch by a lottery-drawing of the attendees. Norma Donelson and friends provided musical entertainment for all to enjoy.

At the February 15th meeting of the committee, progress reports on the planned revision or up-date of the photo booklet produced by the Rowe Historical Society in 1985 of the homes and people of Rowe was heard. The two photo sessions we had produced disappointing results. One more session was planned to entice all residents to have their picture taken for the booklet.

At the March 15th meeting further plans for the booklet were discussed and estimated costs were reported. Plans for a Fall Sock Hop were begun and duties assigned to get estimates on costs, interest and availability of the DJ.

At the September 26th meeting, plans were developed to have the Fall Sock Hop Halloween Costume Dance on Saturday, October 28th from 7 PM until midnight. A DJ from Greenfield's Dance Party was engaged to provide the music. The committee decorated the gym at the Rowe School the night before the dance. Several vegetable trays with dips, fruit trays, cheese trays with crackers, brewed coffee and punch were provided for all who attended the dance. Prizes were awarded for best costumes. Beanie Babies were given to the young dancers as prizes. The dance was well attended with about 80 people.

At the December 7th meeting areas of responsibility were chosen to help get the Photo Booklet completed. Rob Williams had already provided the committee with pictures of all the homes in Rowe. The photographer Ron Waterman of Readsboro, VT was arranging the photos in a rough draft booklet. The committee was busy matching people photos to house photos and developing the descriptions that accompany each picture. Our thanks to Rob Williams for a great job in providing the house pictures.

The expected publishing date for the Millennium Photo Booklet is May, 2001. The booklets will be free to all residents and taxpayers, and are the final planned event of the Millennium Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl & Pearl Jurentkuff
Carol Lively
Peter & Anne Besgen
Dick Alix
Lillian Danek
Tom & Deb Danek
Melissa Quinn

Old Home Day Committee

Five AM Saturday, July 15, Old Home Day started off with a loud clap of thunder and a flash of lightning accompanied by a torrential downpour of rain. Now what do we do? It's too late to cancel and tomorrow is predicted to be more of the same. Thank goodness it cleared up some by 7:00 to intermittent light showers as people signed up for the fishing derby. The results of the derby are as follows:

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| Biggest Fish | Will Booth of Rowe |
| First Fish | Jacob Smead of Heath |
| Most Fish | Jacob Smead of Heath |
| Second-Most Fish | Eric Tanner of Heath |
| Youngest Fisherman | Brianna Demech of Heath |

Later the sky brightened and the rain stopped. People began to line up floats, cars, bikes, horses and fire trucks for the parade. Everything went well for the parade. The Shelburne Falls Military Band provided the marching music for the parade. Prizes for the parade were as follows:

First Prize (\$50) went to the Shannon Birch family of Whitingham, VT for their "Going West" float.
Second Prize (\$25) went to the Smith family of Rowe, MA for their "Y-2K Bug" float.
Third Prize (\$15) went to Rob Williams family and cousins for their "Pike's Peak" float.

Best fire truck trophies went to the following departments:

| | |
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| First Prize | Heath Fire Department |
| Second Prize | Ashfield Fire Department |
| Third Prize | Colrain Fire Department |

New Gold Dollar coins were awarded to youngsters who entered a decorated bike in the parade.

After the parade, the Shelburne Falls Military Bank provided a concert under the entertainment tent at the school.

New vendors from the Colrain Lions Club sold French fries, fried onion rings and veggie tempura, and the Hager family of Colrain sold fried dough with maple crème.

The Rowe Community Church sold hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda and novelty ice creams. They also sold "Home-made Strawberry Shortcake" at their traditional booth. The

church-sponsored auction was well attended in spite of the threatening weather. Auctioneer Roy Burdick and helper Harry had their hands full in auctioning off a full tent plus and overflow of treasured items.

The entertainment provided by the Ted Wirt Swing Band with the Blues Brothers went over well with many applauding their performance.

Storyteller Davis Bates attracted both young and old and challenged all to follow along in some zany antics that were woven into his story telling.

Peaches the Clown and friend provided sculptured balloon animals made to order on the spot along with riddles and tricks. A new attraction this year, the Poppy Doodle Puppets were well received by the younger set and were in operation throughout much of the day.

Many took advantage of the free Trolley rides that took them on a half-hour tour of the town. Several people took part in the Pie-eating Contest.

The Chicken Barbecue dinner provided by the Readsboro, Vermont Lions Club was again a big hit with everyone. They managed to cook the dinner to perfection in spite of the drizzle that appeared on occasion throughout the day. It was well worth the wait under the umbrellas during the serving of the dinners. Many took them home to eat but others sat under the tents and ate their dinners at the picnic tables that were moved there.

The John Root Band provided musical entertainment during the dinner hour. Small Change Band provided their music under the tent while we waited for the fireworks to begin.

Several lovely local flower gardens were open to the public for both Saturday and Sunday on a self-guided tour basis.

The Fire Works were spectacular despite the light rain showers. The light drizzle gave a ghostly glow to the fireworks.

After the day was over we considered the day a success. At about 10:30 PM after securing the school and checking the grounds, the sky opened up with a torrential downpour. Whew!

We just made it! Talk about good timing. The fire works crew from Atlas along with Tom Danek and Tom Willard looked like drowned rats as they reloaded the fire works equipment onto the truck parked near the dam.

Sunday dawned with overcast skies with a threat of rain, but thankfully it cleared up and the sun even came out. In spite of the heavy overnight rain, the new riding ring was in perfect shape. The Gymkhana went on as scheduled and was a big success. Over 20 horses were entered in the events. Contestants and spectators had a good time.

The self-guided garden tour was well attended with better weather conditions.

Many thanks to our Highway Crew for their help before, during and after Old Home Day. Our thanks to the Park Crew for all their help in making the day a success. Our thanks to all of the many volunteers who helped make Rowe Old Home Day 2000 memorable. The Committee also wants to extend a special thanks to all who attended the event and supported the efforts of the many who manned the booths.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom & Deb Danek
Melissa Quinn
Lillian Danek
Karl & Pearl Jurentkuff
Dick Alex
Peter & Anne Besgen
Carol Lively



"Future Rowe Riders? — Old Home Day Gymkhana, July 2000 at Riding Ring"

Photo: Carol Lively

Park Commission

In spite of an unseasonable cold and rainy summer, it was yet another very successful year at Pelham Lake Park. Ranger Tom and crew expended many hours just to restore the park grounds and trail system from damage caused by high winds and floodwaters.

The Park Commission has learned valuable lessons from the Old Home Day Flood, which caused increased levels of bacterial contamination in the lake. The commission voted to be more aggressive in closing the beach area when suspecting elevated contamination levels. Also, a new more restrictive bathing water quality regulation was signed into law by Governor Celluci. This law will require policy changes by the Board of Health/ Park Commission relative to testing and reporting of Pelham Lake water quality prior to the next bathing season. In spite of temporary problems caused by the flooding, a State and Federal Fisheries and Wildlife study of the lake found the water quality and fish habitat exemplary.

The summer youth recreation program, the YMCA swim lessons, park sponsored Old Home day events and the adult water aerobics were again a great success.

Other successful events conducted at the park were; 1) Senior Citizen cookout, 2) several winter ski-skate bon fire nights, 3) end of school year fun day, 4) fly fishing lessons, 5) guided nature hikes and 6) many large private cookouts and parties supported by the park staff.

Ranger Tom and his crew continue to look for more programs and activities for all ages. As a result of their effort we now have a new physical fitness room in the town hall. There are 10 exercise machines to get yourself back in to shape and help you maintain optimum health.

The eleven-mile trail system saw many hikers, bikers and horseback riders.

The Rowe Riders had several very successful equine events at the new horse ring and on the park trails.

The tennis courts, volleyball, basketball court and the new horseshoe pits saw extensive use throughout the year. The Park armada consisting of two canoes, three kayaks, a paddleboat and the SS Percy Brown accommodated many happy sailors this summer. The Percy Brown was exceptionally busy this year. Besides its normal lake excursion duties the Percy Brown also served as a fishing boat and working vessel. A special thanks to all the captains of the SS Percy Brown.

Major equipment purchases included: 1) rotary mower, York rake and plow for the park ATV, 2) snowmobile and trail groomer, 3) new entrance gate and 4) exercise equipment.

The following major projects were completed; 1) winterization of the park headquarters building, 2) reconstruction the swimming beach area (new sand and resolving the drainage problems), 3) creation of a new picnic area at the fire works launch site and 4) establishment of a new fitness room.



Photo: Park Commission

Winter "Fun Day" at Pelham Lake Park
l-r: Christina, Jon & Carol Lively and other participants



Photo: Park Commission

Winter "Fun Day" at Pelham Lake Park
Deb Danek and Cookie Avery - "Someone has to do the cooking"



Photo: Richard Tower

Senior Picnic at Pelham Lake Park
l-r: Alice Adams, Elsie Autio, Sarah Jane Gracy, Chris Tower

At a special town meeting an article was approved to establish "Guiding Policies for the Operation of Pelham Lake Park". These policies will provide guidance and continuity for the future of Pelham Lake Park. Park Rules and Regulations will be revised to reflect the intent of these guiding policies. Future Park Commissioners will now have a standard reference for policy interpretations.

A new volunteer organization "Friends of Pelham Lake Park" was founded. The group is open to anyone interested in the progress and maintenance of the park. To date the members have assisted Tom in clearing brush, planting flowers, maintaining and repairing equipment, trail and bridge maintenance and researching future projects. The commission wants to thank these special volunteers for all their time and effort. Every town resident is welcome to join this new organization. Remember this is your park.

The condition of the park is a tribute to Ranger Tom and his crew; Lifeguards Melissa Gilbert and Nick Soveicke, Recreation Leader Linda Jackman, Junior Rangers Helen Huff, Tim Bradley and Jeremy Hoffman and Beach Attendants Johanna Jette and John Woolley. The Park Commission is grateful to all of you. Thanks for a great year.

The Park Commission would like give special thanks to Russ Jolly and Walt Quist for their years of service as Park Commissioners. The appearance of the park and the established programs would not be what they are today without the their conscientious effort.

Respectfully submitted,
Rowe Park Commission

Rowe Planning Board

The Planning Board had a busy summer following up on the Cell Tower By-law that was passed at the Annual Town Meeting. Discussion with the Attorney General revealed some procedural issues with the review process and steps were undertaken to address these. This work is still ongoing.

The By-laws were not reprinted this year as planned because converting from hard-copy to word-processing format is taking more time than the Board has been able to devote to it. We're looking forward to completing this process in the coming year.

Several public meetings were held or sponsored by the Planning Board to review the construction plans of the Shantigar Foundation for their facilities on Davenport Road. (These are being planned to replace the barn/performance space that was destroyed in a fire last year.) After consultation with Town Counsel, it was determined that the Planning Board does not have any jurisdiction over this matter for two reasons. The first is that the Shantigar Foundation is an educational institution. As such, Town By-laws regarding facilities use are generally not applicable. Second, in areas where by-laws would be applicable (such as, building dimensions, earth removal, etc.) Rowe does not have any By-laws.

The Board also wishes to thank Carol Lively for her service this year and for her work on the Goal Post. Carol resigned in order to devote more time to her family. She will be missed. As a result Margaret Woodside has taken over editorship of the Goal Post by herself and continues to produce an informative and professional organ for communicating about activities in Rowe.

Finally, after a prolonged search, Doug Corarito joined the Board, filling the seat vacated by Carol Lively. The Board looks forward to his contributions in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Posever, Chairman
Prudence Berry
Rebecca Bradley
Douglas Corarito
Mary-Jo Phelps

Plumbing Inspector

Permits Issued in 2000

| Name | Road | Purpose |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Arthur Anthony | Potter Rd | Plumbing |
| John Cupples | Kings Hwy | Gas |
| Terry Veber | Zoar Rd | Plumbing |
| Rowe School | Pond Rd | Plumbing |
| John Cupples | Kings Hwy | Gas |
| Bill Foster | Zoar Rd | Plumbing |
| June Brown | County Rd | Plumbing |
| Robert Graziano | Pond Rd | Plumbing |

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Codogni, Plumbing Inspector

Note from the Selectmen:

Pete Codogni served the Town of Rowe since 1975 as Plumbing and Gas Inspector, a total of 26 years. During that time he acted in a professional, competent and courteous manner, and always conducted himself as a gentleman. In January 2001, acting on his doctors' recommendation, Pete decided to retire. On behalf of the Town of Rowe, the Board extends thanks to Pete and wishes him well.

Gerald Jubinville, of Shelburne Falls, has accepted appointment as our new Plumbing/Gas Inspector. We trust his tenure will be as exemplary as was his predecessor's.



*Peter Codogni
Retired Plumbing Inspector*

Police Department

Accidents

| | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| 1 car | 3 |
| 2 car | 2 |
| Assault and Battery | 1 |
| Sexual Assault | 2 |
| Medical Assistance | 7 |
| Domestic Disturbances | 1 |
| Larcenies | 1 |
| 911 Hang-Ups | 3 |
| Bear Complaints | 2 |
| Permits Issued | 27 |
| Reported Incidents | 55 |
| Unfounded Incidents | 18 |

The number of reported crimes went down in the year 2000, which is very good news. Unfortunately, however, the seriousness of two of the crimes was much greater than we have experienced in the past. The only consolation is that the perpetrators of all but one reported incident are known and have been successfully prosecuted where appropriate. I would like to thank the police officers of Rowe for accomplishing this with such professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry J. Dandeneau
Chief of Police

Wiring Inspector

It is required by Massachusetts General Law that anyone performing electrical work must obtain a permit. The work performed shall comply with the current Massachusetts electrical code.

There were 24 permits issued in 2000 with 20 completed inspections and 4 active.

John F. Rossi, Wiring Inspector
Tel. 339-5541

Emil F. Begiebing, Assist. Wiring Inspector
Tel. 1-802/368-7119

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Rossi
Wiring Inspector

Summer Youth Employment

Chief Supervisor Jim Lively along with second in command Ted Palmer oversaw a crew of seven teenagers this summer. Those working for the town this season included:

Jo Lively
Abbie Lively
Seth May
Ben Foberg

Brittani Sprague
Kirsten Foberg
Melissa Boutwell

The "grasshopper program" was established to provide young people in town with summer employment. Positions for qualified individuals are also available at the park, school and library. For many of these kids, this is their first job, and a great deal of effort goes into providing them with a safe environment. As a result, every season begins with a safety presentation given by the State Attorney General's Office; attendance is required.

For those not familiar with the program, workers duties include trimming the grass from the roadsides, cutting back light brush, and collecting and disposing of litter. Hand tools are used by those 14 and 15 years old, while 16 and 17 year olds are trained in operating motorized "weed-whackers" or grass trimmers.

These summers working conditions were anything but ideal. The unusual amount of rain and cool temperatures caused the grass to grow at a rapid rate requiring additional efforts to keep it in check. While the crew was battling the grass, Jim and Ted were ever vigilant for spotting new patches of poison ivy. These areas were flagged and treated to a sprayed application of Round-Up™. Jim and Ted quickly put any broken equipment back in working order, with the back-up expertise provided by that wizard of a mechanic, Barry Berard of Readsboro. Thank you Barry! A special thank you is also due to the road crew who mows with the tractor and sickle bar ahead of the grasshoppers and provide a place to operate out of.

The roadsides once again looked great in time for Old Home Day, and our grasshoppers deserve everyone's appreciation for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Phelps
Administrator

Veterans' Agent

All veterans graves were flagged for Memorial Day and new flag holders were installed where needed.

This has also been an exciting year for veterans in Franklin County. We have finally opened the Franklin VA Outpatient Clinic on the second floor, Suite 9, of the Medical Office Building adjacent to the Franklin Medical Center at 51 Sanderson Street. I encourage any Rowe veteran that might be interested in this new service to visit the clinic and register. There is also a new prescription program for eligible veterans available. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Patient Services Assistance at 1-413-773-8428, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

There is also a \$1,500 Annuity available for 100% service connected disabled veterans, parents of a son or daughter whose death occurred as a result of injury sustained, or disease contracted, during active service in the time of war, insurrection or combat.

Please note that my telephone number has changed to 339-5376. If you have any questions please feel free to call and if I don't have the answer I will find it for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Scrivens
Veterans' Agent

Financial Reports

Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 2000

JULY 1, 1999 to JUNE 30, 2000

| Year/Tax | Outstanding 7/1 /99 | Commit ments | Abate ments | Tax Title | Payments | Refunds | Adjust ments | Outstanding 6/30/00 |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 96 MVE | -20.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -20.00 |
| 98 MVE | -264.89 | -32.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 48.33 | 0.00 | 190.31 | -58.75 |
| 98 RE | -127.86 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 ** | 127.86 | 0.00 |
| 99 MVE | -1314.17 | -4636.19 | 286.87 | 0.00 | 5547.94 | -289.87 | 0.00 | -405.42 |
| 99 RE | -1494.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1495.56 | -1.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 99 PP | -55.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 55.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 00 RE | 0.00 | -1515929.33 | 922.19 | 0.00 | 1510094.58 | -2783.69 * | 0.00 | -7696.25 |
| 00 PP | 0.00 | -569080.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 568945.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -135.29 |
| 00 MVE | 0.00 | -30970.65 | 649.58 | 0.00 | 28191.70 | -134.18 | 0.00 | -2263.55 |
| TOTAL | -3276.73 | -2120649.27 | 1858.64 | 0.00 | 2114378.89 | -3208.96 | 318.17 | -10579.26 |

** Adjustment to FY1998 MVE due to turnover credit wrong year.

* Adjustment made to FY2000 Real Estate. Returned check for \$340.00 Accountant made adjustment In FY2001.

LIEN FEES: 325.00

DEMANDS: 75.00

INTEREST ON OVERDUE TAX PAYMENTS: 135.32

INTEREST ON SAVINGS: 599.33

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra P. Daviau
Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

TRUST FUNDS - 2000

| Name of Fund | Balance 7/1/99 | Transfer in | Interest | Transfer out | Balance 06/30/2000 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| M. Wells Memorial Library | \$7,703.30 | \$0.00 | \$204.60 | -\$2,516.41 | \$5,391.49 |
| Cemetery | \$16,109.92 | \$0.00 | \$573.30 | | \$16,683.22 |
| Rowe Library Gift | \$329.56 | \$0.00 | \$11.73 | | \$341.29 |
| Charles Wells Library | \$2,685.94 | \$0.00 | \$95.59 | | \$2,781.53 |
| Preserved Smith Library | \$2,315.27 | \$0.00 | \$82.40 | | \$2,397.67 |
| Gould Library | \$17,006.80 | \$0.00 | \$494.72 | -\$4,000.00 | \$13,501.52 |
| Foster Donation | \$2,406.09 | \$0.00 | \$85.63 | | \$2,491.72 |
| White Memorial Library | \$5,233.89 | \$0.00 | \$158.65 | -\$1,000.00 | \$4,392.54 |
| L. Tower/Jones Library | \$5,233.89 | \$0.00 | \$158.65 | -\$1,000.00 | \$4,392.54 |
| Rowe Memorial Scholarship | \$3,187.42 | \$20.00 | \$113.78 | | \$3,321.20 |
| TOTALS | \$62,212.08 | \$20.00 | \$1,979.05 | -\$8,516.41 | \$55,694.72 |

STABILIZATION FUND FY 2000

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/1999 | \$1,939,396.22 |
| Transfers from General Fund | -\$300,000.00* |
| Transfers to General Fund | \$400,000.00 |
| Interest earned 7/1/99 to 6/30/00 | \$100,791.68 |
| Balance as of June 30, 2000 | \$2,140,187.90 |

*This amount was borrowed from stabilization to offset costs in anticipation of tax revenues and was paid back when tax monies were received.

AGENCY ACCOUNT FY2000

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/1999 | \$1,662.24 |
| Deposits | \$7,549.28 |
| Withdrawals | -\$6,344.11 |
| Interest | \$48.11 |
| Balance as of June 30, 2000 | \$2,915.52 |

MMDT - GENERAL FUND FY2000

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/99 | \$67,456.71 |
| Interest | \$3,924.54 |
| Balance as of June 30, 2000 | \$71,381.25 |

Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Williams
Treasurer

Financial Reports - Town of Rowe

July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000

SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS - GENERAL FUNDS/TRUST FUNDS

| ACCOUNT NAME | AMOUNT | ACCOUNT NAME | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------|
| GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS | | | |
| Taxes | | Special Duty – Police Dept. | 1,000.00 |
| Personal Property Taxes FY 1999 | 55.47 | Pistol Permit Fees – Town | 75.00 |
| Personal Property Taxes FY 2000 | 569,314.34 | Pistol Permit Fees Due to State | 75.00 |
| Real Estate Taxes FY 1999 | 1,500.62 | Sporting Licenses Due to State | 3,130.50 |
| Real Estate Taxes FY 2000 | 1,510,065.91 | School Lunch Sale of Adult Lunches | 2,446.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1998 | 48.33 | School Lunch Refunds | 150.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1999 | 6,944.30 | School Lunch State Aid | 6,767.91 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 2000 | 28,191.70 | Use of Gazebo Deposit | 25.00 |
| Tax Title Redemption | 766.87 | Extended School Services | 938.00 |
| Receipts (Cherry Sheet = CS) | | School Breakfast Stipend | 50.00 |
| Chapter 90 – State Aid | 116,351.00 | Eisenhower Grant (School) | 200.00 |
| Interest on Property Taxes | 109.67 | Technology Literacy Grant (School) | 1,381.00 |
| Interest on MVE | 29.68 | Academic Support Grant (School) | 3,222.00 |
| State Owned Land | 2,923.00 | School Choice Tuition | 147,791.96 |
| Chapter 71 Pupil Transportation (CS) | 4,488.00 | Wetlands Protection Fund | 537.50 |
| Municipal Building Rent | 3,300.00 | County Dog Refund | 231.83 |
| Board of Health Permits | 180.00 | Sale of Sharps Containers | 10.00 |
| Town Clerk Permits/Licenses | 35.00 | Departmental Refunds | 3,787.34 |
| Copier/FAX Receipts | 251.90 | TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS | 2,504,596.63 |
| Abatements to Veterans (CS) | 225.00 | | |
| Chapter 70 School Aid (CS) | 38,515.00 | TRUST FUND RECEIPTS | |
| Local Aid (CS) | 99.00 | M. Wells Henry Memorial Library (Interest) | 204.60 |
| Lottery (CS) | 4,445.00 | Cemetery Trust (Interest) | 573.31 |
| Highway Fund (CS) | 2,476.00 | Library Gift Trust (Interest) | 11.73 |
| Court Fines (MV) | 35.00 | Charles Wells Library (Interest) | 95.59 |
| Interest on Deposits | 21,985.20 | Preserved Smith Library (Interest) | 82.40 |
| Misc. Revenues | 150.00 | Demonds/Gould Library (Interest) | 494.72 |
| Recycling Revenue | 96.69 | Foster Donation (Interest) | 85.63 |
| Group Insurance | 8,450.92 | A. B. White Memorial Library (Interest) | 158.65 |
| Due to Collector (Fees) | 400.00 | L. Tower/Jones Library (Interest) | 158.65 |
| Due to Deputy Collector (Fees) | 101.00 | Memorial Scholarship (Interest) | 113.78 |
| Dog Licenses Due to County | 235.25 | Memorial Scholarship (Donation) | 20.00 |
| Tailings (Uncashed Checks) | 512.47 | School Activity Fund (Deposits) | 5,594.20 |
| Goal Post Gift Account | 1,020.99 | School Activity Fund (Interest) | 48.11 |
| Cultural Council Grant | 3,300.00 | Stabilization (Interest) | 100,791.68 |
| E-Rate Technology Grant (School) | 4,244.57 | TOTAL TRUST FUND RECEIPTS | 108,433.05 |
| | | GRAND TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS | 2,613,029.68 |

Balance Sheet - June 30, 2000

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

CASH

| | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| General Cash | <u>1,081,123.11</u> | |
| TOTAL CASH | | 1,081,123.11 |

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Personal Property Taxes FY 2000 | <u>135.28</u> | |
| TOTAL Personal Property Taxes | | 135.28 |

REAL ESTATE TAXES

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Real Estate Taxes FY 2000 | <u>7,355.96</u> | |
| TOTAL Real Estate Taxes | | 7,355.96 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1996 | 20.00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1998 | 58.75 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1999 | 405.42 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 2000 | <u>2,263.55</u> | |
| TOTAL Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes | | 2,747.72 |

TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Tax Titles | <u>998.41</u> | |
| TOTAL Tax Titles & Possessions | | 998.41 |

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| State Aid To Highways | <u>76,876.65</u> | |
| TOTAL Accounts Receivable | | 76,876.65 |

AGENCY

| | | |
|------------------|--------------|-------|
| Due To Collector | <u>25.00</u> | |
| TOTAL Agency | | 25.00 |

REVOLVING FUNDS

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Pistol Permit Fees-State | 487.50 | |
| Sporting Licenses | <u>40.00</u> | |
| TOTAL Revolving Funds | | 527.50 |

TOTAL ASSETS

1,169,814.63

LIABILITIES

REVENUE

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| Revenue 2000 | <u>94,536.70</u> | |
| TOTAL Revenue | | 94,536.70 |

AGENCY

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| Group Insurance | 220.59 | |
| Dog Licenses | <u>247.60</u> | |
| TOTAL Agency | | 468.19 |

GIFTS & BEQUESTS

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Goal Post Gift Fund | <u>1,257.53</u> | |
| TOTAL Gifts & Bequests | | 1,257.53 |

TRUST FUND INCOME

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Library Trust Fund | <u>1,614.76</u> | |
| TOTAL Trust Fund Income | | 1,614.76 |

GRANTS

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Council on Aging Grant | 1,100.53 | |
| Cultural Council | 5,380.89 | |
| Police - DARE Grant | 122.02 | |
| E-Rate Tech Grant | <u>2,137.96</u> | |
| TOTAL Grants | | 8,741.40 |

REVOLVING FUNDS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Special Duty-Police Department | 210.00 | |
| School Lunch | 4,123.78 | |
| Use of Gazebo | 175.00 | |
| Extended School Services | 488.90 | |
| Tech Literacy Grant | 800.00 | |
| School Choice Tuition | <u>201,921.20</u> | |
| TOTAL Revolving Funds | | 207,718.88 |

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

| | | |
|---|-----------------|----------|
| Cemetery Sale of Lots | 1,850.00 | |
| Wetlands Protection Fund | 1,467.50 | |
| County Dog Refund | <u>1,178.47</u> | |
| TOTAL Receipts Reserved for Appropriation | | 4,495.97 |

OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS

| | | |
|--|-----------------|----------|
| Overlay FY 2000 | <u>7,491.24</u> | |
| TOTAL Overlays Reserved for Abatements | | 7,491.24 |

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED

| | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------|
| Tax Title Revenue | 998.41 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue | 2,747.72 | |
| Aid to Highway Revenue | <u>76,876.650</u> | |
| TOTAL Revenue Reserved Until Collected | | 80,622.78 |

Balance Sheet - continued

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| SURPLUS | |
| Surplus Revenue | 480,447.32 |
| TOTAL SURPLUS | 480,447.32 |

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

| | |
|--|-----------|
| APPROPRIATION BALANCES | |
| Selectmen – SYE Encumbered | 2,049.25 |
| Assistant Accounting Clerk Encumbered | 16.41 |
| Assessor Clerk Pay Encumbered | 202.39 |
| Assessor Software/Licensing | 2,577.00 |
| Assessor Mapping Services | 1,000.00 |
| Chapter 53A & Chapter 127 (Chapter 90) | 76,876.65 |
| Highway – Wages Encumbered | 4,690.82 |
| Highway – Operation/Maintenance Encumbered | 5.80 |
| Town Line Bridge Engineering | 1,304.69 |
| Highway – New Pick-Up Trucks | 1,302.97 |
| Rowe School Salary Encumbered | 12,547.35 |
| Rowe School Capital Improvement | 527.30 |
| Library Wages Encumbered | 868.20 |
| Cemetery Fence Repair | 6,854.98 |
| Police Officer Wage Encumbered | 494.00 |
| Fire Department Air Compressor | 4,126.33 |
| Fire Department Fire Pond Maintenance | 3,139.89 |
| Dump Attendant Wage Encumbered | 252.00 |
| Recycling Shed | 18,000.00 |
| Transfer Station Road Surface Improvement | 4,455.35 |
| Office Equipment Computer Upgrade | 1,447.39 |
| Printing By-Law Booklet | 2,000.00 |
| Municipal Center Painting & Repair | 43,800.00 |
| Dam Maintenance & Repair | 6,211.80 |
| Soule Land Purchase Expenses | 1,200.83 |
| Park Wages Encumbered | 3,290.58 |
| Park Swim Area Maintenance | 2,572.88 |
| Stabilization (From Free Cash) | 60,000.00 |
| Millennium Celebration | 605.00 |
| Reserve Fund FY 2001 | 20,000.00 |

TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES **282,419.86**

TOTAL LIABILITIES **1,169,814.63**

| TRUST FUNDS | Assets | Liabilities |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Trust Cash | 2,198,798.15 | |
| Martha Wells Memorial Library | | 5,391.49 |
| Cemetery Trust Fund | | 16,683.23 |
| Rowe Library Gift Trust | | 341.29 |
| Charles Wells Library | | 2,781.53 |
| Preserved Smith Library | | 2,397.67 |
| Gould Library | | 13,501.52 |
| Foster Donation | | 2,491.72 |
| White Memorial Library | | 4,392.54 |
| L. Tower/Jones Library | | 4,392.54 |
| Rowe Memorial Scholarship | | 3,321.20 |
| School Activity Fund | | 2,915.52 |
| Stabilization Fund | | 2,140,187.90 |
| | <u>2,198,798.15</u> | <u>2,198,798.15</u> |

Appropriation Balances Report - June 30, 2000

| Account Name | Approp/Bal Forward 7/1/99 | Budget Revisions | Actual Expended | Account Balance 6/30/2000 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Selectmen – Legal Expense | 4,000.00 | 641.00 | 4,641.00 | 0.00 |
| Selectmen – Selectmen's Stipend | 6,420.00 | 0.00 | 6,420.00 | 0.00 |
| Selectmen – General Administration | 20,400.00 | 1,080.66 | 21,480.66 | 0.00 |
| Selectmen – Misc. Officers Stipends | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 | 0.00 |
| Selectmen – Town Officer Expenses | 1,000.00 | <69.10> | 930.90 | 0.00 |
| Selectmen – Printing Town Reports | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Selectmen – Summer Youth Employment | 22,000.00 | <2,064.86> | 19,935.14 | 0.00 |
| Selectmen – SYE Encumbered | 0.00 | 2,049.25 | 2,064.86 | 2,049.25 |
| Council on Aging | 1,500.00 | <947.00> | 553.00 | 0.00 |
| Selectmen - Floating Senior Center | 500.00 | <47.57> | 455.53 | 0.00 |
| Administrative Assistant & Accountant's Pay | 35,833.00 | 0.00 | 35,833.00 | 0.00 |
| Assistant Accountant Pay | 1,100.00 | <235.74> | 864.26 | 0.00 |
| Assist. Acct. Pay Encumbered | 0.00 | 16.41 | 0.00 | 16.41 |
| FRCOG – Core Assessment | 18,408.00 | 0.00 | 18,408.00 | 0.00 |
| FRCOG – Fees | 25.00 | 1,040.42 | 1,065.42 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Stipend | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Clerk Pay | 6,000.00 | <218.00> | 5,781.76 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Clerk Pay Encumbered | 122.13 | 202.39 | 324.52 | 202.39 |
| Assessors' Operation | 3,000.00 | <277.84> | 2,722.16 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Software & Computer | 5,000.00 | <2,423.00> | 0.00 | 2,577.00 |
| Assessors' Mapping Services | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Assessors' Revaluation & Property Update | 6,784.00 | 2,423.00 | 9,207.00 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Computer Upgrade | 10,000.00 | 0.00 | 10,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Treasurer's Stipend | 4,280.00 | 0.00 | 4,280.00 | 0.00 |
| Assistant Treasurer's Pay | 400.00 | <400.00> | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tax Collector's Stipend | 4,280.00 | 0.00 | 4,280.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Clerk's Stipend | 4,280.00 | 0.00 | 4,280.00 | 0.00 |
| Election & Teller Expenses | 1,500.00 | <190.42> | 1,309.58 | 0.00 |
| Registrar & Census Pay | 350.00 | 0.00 | 350.00 | 0.00 |
| Conservation Commission Operation | 200.00 | <160.00> | 40.00 | 0.00 |
| Planning Board Operation | 400.00 | <331.50> | 68.50 | 0.00 |
| Planning Board - Goal Post Operation | 15,000.00 | <2,383.46> | 12,616.54 | 0.00 |
| Chapter 11 (Chapter 90) | 116,351.00 | 0.00 | 116,351.00 | 0.00 |
| Chapter 53A & Chapter 127 (Chapter 90) | 76,876.65 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,876.65 |
| Highway -Wages | 126,148.00 | <12,796.11> | 113,351.89 | 0.00 |
| Highway -Wages Encumbered | 2,191.60 | 4,690.82 | 2,191.60 | 4,690.82 |
| Highway - Machinery Maintenance | 20,000.00 | <60.49> | 19,939.51 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Fuel Oil, Electricity, Etc. | 5,000.00 | <1,160.64> | 3,839.36 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Fuel for Town Vehicles | 13,500.00 | <1,820.10> | 11,679.90 | 0.00 |
| Highway - General Maintenance | 14,500.00 | <31.51> | 14,468.49 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Bridges & Guard Rails | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - General Drainage | 8,000.00 | 0.00 | 8,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Road Maintenance & Reclamation | 5,000.00 | <33.83> | 4,966.17 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Roadside Maintenance | 2,000.00 | <66.44> | 1,933.56 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Superintendent's Salary | 46,350.00 | <0.98> | 46,349.02 | 0.00 |
| Highway – Op/Maint. Encumbered | 0.00 | 5.80 | 5.80 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Building Maintenance | 5,528.61 | <98.44> | 5,430.17 | 0.00 |
| Town Line Bridge Engineering | 1,304.69 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,304.69 |
| Highway - New Pick-Up Trucks | 40,000.00 | <182.56> | 38,514.47 | 1,302.97 |
| Highway – New Tailgate Conveyer | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Unpaved Roads Maintenance | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway – Emergency Sand Stockpile | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway – New Dump Body | 5,000.00 | <8.00> | 4,992.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway -Winter Roads | 40,000.00 | <3,672.79> | 36,327.21 | 0.00 |

| Account Name | Approp/Bal Forward 7/1/99 | Budget Revisions | Actual Expended | Account Balance 6/30/2000 |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Street Lighting | 4,500.00 | <898.76> | 3,601.24 | 0.00 |
| School Committee Stipend | 3,870.00 | 0.00 | 3,870.00 | 0.00 |
| Rowe Elementary School Operation | 725,500.00 | <16,134.86 | 708,716.14 | 0.00 |
| Rowe School Salaries Encumbered | 0.00 | 23,259.36 | 10,712.01 | 12,547.35 |
| Rowe School Computer Lab | 15,600.00 | 0.00 | 15,600.00 | 0.00 |
| Rowe School - Middle School Computer Lab | 25,000.00 | 0.00 | 25,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Rowe School - High School Computer Lab | 25,000.00 | 0.00 | 25,000.00 | 0.00 |
| School Playground Equipment | 559.15 | <559.15> | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| School Capital Improvement | 11,774.10 | 0.00 | 11,246.80 | 527.30 |
| Librarian's Salary | 13,461.00 | 0.00 | 13,461.00 | 0.00 |
| Library Wages | 8,164.00 | <1,131.10> | 7,032.90 | 0.00 |
| Library Wages Encumbered | 571.32 | 868.20 | 571.32 | 868.20 |
| Library Operation | 11,550.00 | <349.66> | 11,200.34 | 0.00 |
| Library Circulation/Automation | 5,186.23 | 0.00 | 5,186.23 | 0.00 |
| Library Table & Chairs | 100.68 | <17.75> | 82.93 | 0.00 |
| Veterans' Administration Stipend | 450.00 | 0.00 | 450.00 | 0.00 |
| Veterans' Administration Operation | 350.00 | <101.05> | 248.95 | 0.00 |
| Veterans' Administration Benefits | 300.00 | <300.00> | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cemetery Maintenance | 5,000.00 | <975.00> | 4,025.00 | 0.00 |
| Cemetery Fence Repair | 6,854.98 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,854.98 |
| Police Chief's Stipend | 7,260.00 | 0.00 | 7,260.00 | 0.00 |
| Police Officers' Wages | 6,841.00 | <2,089.50> | 4,751.50 | 0.00 |
| Police Officers' Wages Encumbered | 403.84 | 494.00 | 403.84 | 494.00 |
| Police Department Operation | 5,800.00 | <1,565.03> | 4,234.97 | 0.00 |
| Fire Chief's Stipend | 5,375.00 | 0.00 | 5,375.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Officers' Stipends | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Fighters' Reimbursement | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Department Operation | 20,550.00 | 0.00 | 20,550.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Department Air Compressor | 4,126.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,126.33 |
| Fire Department Extinguishers | 1,200.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Department Fire Pond Maintenance | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,860.11 | 3,139.89 |
| Building Inspector's Fees | 3,500.00 | 775.05 | 4,275.05 | 0.00 |
| Plumbing Inspector's Stipend | 965.00 | 0.00 | 965.00 | 0.00 |
| Wiring Inspector's Stipend | 965.00 | 0.00 | 965.00 | 0.00 |
| Civil Defense Operation | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Forest Fire Control | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 600.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| Insect & Pest Control | 60.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 |
| Ambulance Service | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| EMS Coordinator's Stipend | 1,290.00 | 0.00 | 1,290.00 | 0.00 |
| EMS Operation | 3,000.00 | <740.36> | 2,259.64 | 0.00 |
| EMS Call-Out Stipend | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 | 0.00 |
| EMS First Responder Expense Reimbursement | 1,600.00 | 0.00 | 1,600.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Department Hazardous Material Control | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Hazardous Waste Collection | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 |
| Refuse Garden Operation | 53,320.00 | 5,056.96 | 58,376.96 | 0.00 |
| Sanitarian's Fees | 3,500.00 | 1,120.00 | 4,620.00 | 0.00 |
| Transfer Station Road Surface Improvement | 4,455.35 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,455.35 |
| Dump Attendant Wage | 10,000.00 | <256.00> | 9,744.00 | 0.00 |
| Dump Attendant Wage Encumbered | 207.46 | 252.00 | 207.46 | 252.00 |
| Solid Waste District Administration | 1,785.00 | <300.00> | 1,485.00 | 0.00 |
| Recycling Shed | 18,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 18,000.00 |
| Board of Health Operation | 3,500.00 | <748.47> | 2,751.53 | 0.00 |
| Health Services | 27,800.00 | <256.22> | 27,543.78 | 0.00 |
| Health Services Encumbered | 700.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 0.00 |
| Health Services Operation | 7,000.00 | <91.15> | 6,908.85 | 0.00 |
| Bank Charges & Loan Interest | 500.00 | <255.66> | 244.34 | 0.00 |
| Bonding & Insurance | 45,000.00 | <22,892.00> | 22,108.00 | 0.00 |

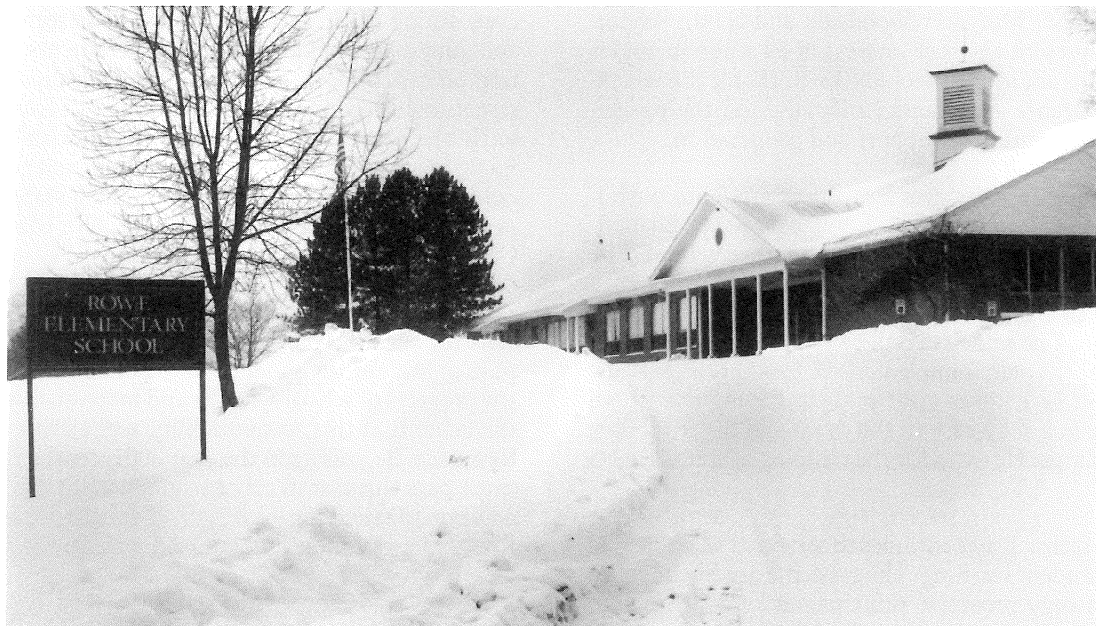
| Account Name | Approp/Bal Forward 7/1/99 | Budget Revisions | Actual Expended | Account Balance 6/30/2000 |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Municipal Center Custodian's Wage | 11,739.00 | <12.75> | 11,726.25 | 0.00 |
| Municipal Center Operation & Maintenance | 15,000.00 | 2,007.70 | 17,007.70 | 0.00 |
| Elevator Maintenance | 4,550.00 | <38.00> | 4,512.00 | 0.00 |
| Municipal Center Fuel Oil | 2,500.00 | <22.19> | 2,477.81 | 0.00 |
| Gracy House Repair & Modification | 500.00 | 100.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 |
| Beautification | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 707.74 | 0.00 |
| Office Equipment | 28,800.00 | 0.00 | 27,352.61 | 1,447.39 |
| Printing By-Law Booklet | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Municipal Center Painting & Repair | 45,251.95 | 324.05 | 1,776.00 | 43,800.00 |
| Dam Maintenance & Repairs | 6,000.00 | 211.80 | 0.00 | 6,211.80 |
| Recreation/Activity Center Committee | 10,000.00 | 28.80 | 10,028.80 | 0.00 |
| Pelham Lake Dam/Bridge Repair | 2,000.00 | <211.80> | 1,788.20 | 0.00 |
| Town Hall Exp. Contingency | 4,996.21 | 0.00 | 4,996.21 | 0.00 |
| Soule Land Purchase Expenses | 1,224.07 | 0.00 | 23.24 | 1,200.83 |
| Williams Easement | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| Old Home Day | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Old Home Day Fireworks | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Millennium Celebrations | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Park Wages | 40,400.00 | <4,335.07> | 36,064.93 | 0.00 |
| Park Wages Encumbered | 2,248.50 | 3,290.58 | 2,248.50 | 3,290.58 |
| Park Operation | 13,000.00 | 899.04 | 13,899.04 | 0.00 |
| Park Swim Area Dredging | 1,265.00 | 0.00 | 1,265.00 | 0.00 |
| Park Swim Area Maintenance | 4,735.00 | 0.00 | 2,162.12 | 2,572.88 |
| County Retirement | 45,923.00 | 0.00 | 45,923.00 | 0.00 |
| Non-Contributory Retirement (Randolph) | 1,025.00 | <16.57> | 1,008.43 | 0.00 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 8,000.00 | <5,739.00> | 2,261.00 | 0.00 |
| Medical & Medicare Insurance | 128,000.00 | <21,219.05 | 106,780.95 | 0.00 |
| Stabilization Appropriation | 100,000.00 | <100,000.00> | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Stabilization - Highway Equipment | 20,000.00 | -20,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Stabilization - Fire Equipment | 29,000.00 | -29,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Stabilization (From Free Cash) | 60,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60,000.00 |
| Millennium Celebration (From Free Cash) | 6,000.00 | 1,672.95 | 7,067.95 | 605.00 |
| Reserve Fund FY 2000 | 20,000.00 | <20,000.00> | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Reserve Fund FY 2001 | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20,000.00 |

Rowe's financial officers continue to strive for excellence in fiscal management of public funds and have filed with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and the IRS all requisite reports, including Schedule A, Free Cash Balance Sheet and supporting documents, quarterly reconciliation of cash, employer state and federal tax reports, Franklin County Retirement monthly reports, Massachusetts Teacher's Retirement monthly reports, Department of Employment and Training reports, and MassHighway Chapter 90 Reports to mention only a few. Increasingly, reporting is

being handled electronically, and with our new computer system and high-speed Internet access, town officers have been taking advantage of this technology whenever possible. Once again, I want to express my appreciation to my co-workers, especially Treasurer Susan Williams and Tax Collector/Assessors' Clerk Sandra Daviau for their help, patience and cooperation throughout the year. They perform their duties not only with great dedication, but also with good cheer, for which I am grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn
Town Accountant

School Reports



Rowe School - a "snow day"

Photo: Norma Donelson

2000 Graduate – Congratulations!



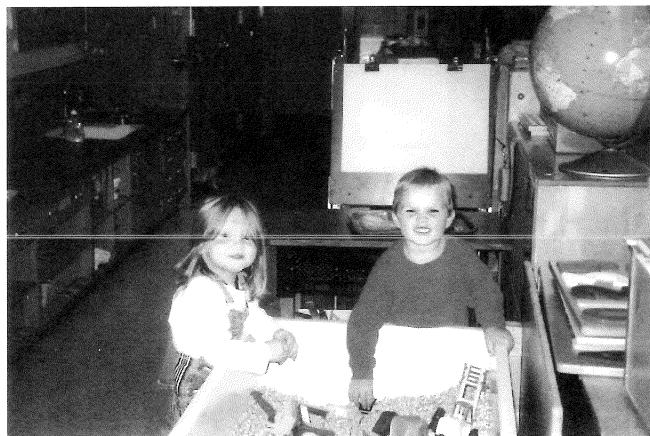
*Crystal Jackson
Mohawk Trail Regional High School*

Rowe Elementary School District Superintendent of Schools

It is with both pride and pleasure that I submit my third report as your superintendent. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to School Committee members Maggie Rice, chairperson, Margaret Woodside and Susan Taylor. They truly represent the best interest of all students under their charge. In addition, I would like to thank the educational staff, parents, community officials, and the townspeople for their continued support and cooperation.

Your generous support provides Rowe students with a facility and education second to none. The Rowe Elementary School is a well-designed and maintained school. The committee monitors a constantly changing five-year maintenance plan to ensure the school facility remains in excellent condition. The principal will continue to make recommendations as the plan is implemented. In addition, the custodian, Robert Rice, takes great pride in having the school building remain a showcase to the town and his efforts are much appreciated. He cares for the building as if it were his own.

Computer technology continues to serve as a valuable tool to facilitate student learning. The students are fortunate to have a technology proactive principal and staff that continue to explore instructional methodologies that incorporate computer technology into the curriculum. A number of teachers have attended workshops and courses to learn more about using technology to facilitate learning. Several teachers have web pages and links to educational sites. Students are conducting research using the Internet. They are doing good research and giving reports using computer presentation programs. These skills will serve them well in the years ahead. In fact, many of the Mohawk High School students and teachers visit the web pages created by Rowe teachers because they are linked to exceptionally good educational sites. Again, thanks to your generosity, students can continue using this technology for learning in the Rowe Middle School lab. There is a plaque in this lab recognizing and dedicating this lab to the residents of Rowe.



*l/r: Mackenzie Coburn and Dakota Dodge
"Learning is fun!"*

As you know we are in the last year of a seven-year education reform initiative. During this time the town of Rowe did not receive much additional state funding. However, during these reform years we have seen new teacher and administrator certification requirements, a recertification process for existing teachers and administrators, more structured learning time, an alignment of local curriculum with the state curriculum frameworks in the areas of English/Language Arts, mathematics, science and technology, history and social sciences, and a statewide testing program for students called MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System).

MCAS is part of the Education Reform Act of 1993 that calls for accountability of student performance. The purpose of this testing program is to document and categorize the progress of school systems and individual students with the belief that this accountability will elevate student performance. Beginning in the year 2001, tenth grade students must pass this test in order to graduate in the year 2003 in addition to satisfying local high school district requirements. Rowe's fourth grade students did well on the MCAS.

However, because the school tested fewer than 10 students a school profile will not be issued by the state. It is my expectation that Rowe students will continue to do well on this and other assessment tests.

Through the coordinated efforts of Dot Lyman, administrators, coordinators and other staff members in the three districts, grants continue to be written for supplemental funding in the areas of special education, preschool, health, professional development, technology, after-school programs, community service and curriculum development. These supplemental funds help Rowe and other schools in the Mohawk and Hawlemont School District to provide professional development opportunities for staff, align each district's curriculum to the frameworks, purchase student materials to support curriculum changes, and offer additional services to the children in all three districts. Needless to say this would not be possible without these supplemental grant funds. Students benefit in many ways from these additional dollars. I very much appreciate the efforts of our in-district "grant writers."

Rowe teachers continue to work with Mohawk and Hawlemont teachers in exploring new ways to implement the state and local curriculum. They have already aligned the curriculum with the frameworks in English/Language Arts, math and science. The Partnership for the Advancement of Learning about Math and Science (PALMS) team, which includes a Rowe teacher, continues to meet and will be looking at the revised state frameworks in math and science when it is released. This may require further modification to the district wide math and science standards. All of these and other initiatives require a team effort. Rowe staff members contribute significantly toward improving instruc-

tional practices in our classrooms. They are to be commended for their efforts.

Ann Morgan is now serving as the new Director of Pupil Services and Special Education. She replaces Mike Ponti. Ann continues to work with teachers and parents in meeting the needs of all our students, including students who require special services. If your child needs assistance, she will work with the Rowe staff and others to ensure that appropriate modifications are implemented. Her office is located in the three District Central Office.

The school committee will be reviewing all school committee policies and updating a policy manual in the months ahead. Negotiations are presently underway with the Rowe Teachers' Association. It is expected that a contract will be forthcoming prior to the close of this school year. Also, the Rowe School Committee will seek to obtain continued accreditation from the New England Schools and Colleges. As you know Rowe Elementary School is one of the few schools in the area to be recognized as an accredited elementary school. This is quite an honor.

I certainly cannot write a report that does not recognize Cynthia Laffond for her many contributions in the daily operation of the school as school secretary and Principal Bob Clancy for keeping the students' best interest first and foremost in all the decisions that he makes. The Central Office staff and Melissa Quinn work as a team to administer the finances of the school and often many hours go unnoticed. A special thanks to them.

As superintendent, I encourage each of you to become strong advocates and supporters of providing rich learning experiences for our children. Educating them continues to be the single most important investment in our future. Let's work together in preparing our children for the challenges that await them. The town of Rowe is indeed an exceptional community and the Rowe Elementary School District is a rewarding school system in which to work. I consider myself most fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as your superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan D. Genovese, Superintendent



Art Teacher Jane Wegscheider with Primary Class

Rowe School Principal

The first school year of the new millennium is rapidly moving along and we will blow our own horn with a great report.

- A Reading Recovery Program has been added to the primary classroom as another means for assessing and improving reading skills, which has been shown to help reduce special education referrals.
- Our Accelerated Reader Program continues to add a great venue for students to mark achievements in reading by providing incentives for more and varied types of print.
- We provided our third successful six-week summer student tutorial.
- Our Spanish program is fully implemented in pre-school through grade six.
- Our Arts Program has grown some by adding instrumental music for the sixth graders with music teacher Cheryl Hanna and our new art teacher, Jane Wegscheider has added rich and varied thematic units to art classes.
- Computer technology continues to add another dimension to classroom instruction as evidenced by the Power Point presentations developed by students for Science and Social Studies.
- Students starting as early as the primary classroom have found the benefits of the World Wide Web for research and communication.
- Field trips have ranged from local visits to see Brian Donelson's trains, to Ledyard, CT and the Mashentucket Pequot Research Center and Museum – to a week on Cape Cod for the fifth and sixth graders at the Cape Outdoor Discovery Center in June.



*Principal/Fireman Bob Clancy with Primary Class
"A lesson in safety."*

We had several staff changes this year as well. The first was our school librarian, Rowe's own Marty Rice. Marty contributed greatly to our library and reading programs and we thanked her dearly with a retirement party at the school. Filling in for Marty in the library is Colleen King, which is in addition to Colleen teaching Spanish. The reading portion has been taken over by Laurie Pike. We had a second retirement losing our Science and Mathematics teacher, Wanita Laffond. Wanita came to Rowe three school years ago to teach Science for all grades and Mathematics for fifth and sixth graders – the result was an enriched Science Program second to no other elementary school. This program continues with Dwight Beebe in that role.

Capital improvements have become a regular part of the summer schedule. Last summer new ceilings and lights were installed in the bathrooms and hallways and improvements were made in the kitchen and boiler room. This coming summer we plan to replace classroom ceilings and lights. Replacement of bathroom fixtures in the preschool bathroom and repaving the basketball court are also on the to do list.

Through the generosity of the Rowe taxpayers, \$50,000 was added to the Mohawk Capital Campaign. This money provided computers for a mobile foreign language computer lab as well as a wide variety of classroom supplies and materials that were needed in Science and other areas of the high school previously not supported by the regular budget at Mohawk.

Great things are always going on, thank you again for your continued support of the Rowe School, come by and visit when you can.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Clancy, Principal



l-r: David Shartuck, Jake Coburn, Samantha Veber, Bryan White, Jay Williams, Peter Bryant

Rowe School Committee

The last year saw the retirement of two of our favorite people. Martha Rice retired from the school library and her reading specialties, Wanita Laffond, who came to us at the end of an illustrious teaching career, retired from the science room, the web site and all the other marvelous things she did for us during the three years she spent with us. Luckily, she stays on as a frequent consultant. The school just isn't the same without them

However, we are also very fortunate to have as their replacements Colleen King in the Library and Dwight Beebe in the Science Room and as the 6th Grade Math and homeroom teacher. Both come to us with enthusiasm and experience. We welcome them to our school family.

In the fall, the School Committee was invited to visit the new Media Lab at Mohawk Middle School. It was very impressive. We were struck again by the generosity of our town in support of education. Thank you very much

Some of the other matters that have taken our attention this year are a review of the policies, which have grown up over the years. Out-dated ones have been discarded and a few new ones put in place. We continue to follow the developments in the on-going discussion of the MCAS Test. We are also pleased to say that the negotiations with the Teachers Union came to a satisfactory conclusion. We also welcomed Susan Berry Taylor as our new member.

During the next school year, the process of re-accreditation will begin. It promises to be another busy year. Thank you all for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Woodside



*1st row: Brittany Rice, Capri Bryant, Gabrielle Walsh, Josh Taylor, Nancy Phelps, Dana W.; 2nd row: Peter Bryant, Gake True, Jamie Cross, Eddie Coates, Abigail Phelps.
Back row: Coach Laurie Pike*

Mohawk Trail Regional School District - Superintendent of Schools

It is with both pride and pleasure that I submit my third report as your superintendent. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all school committee members, the educational staff, parents, community officials, and the townspeople for their support and cooperation. I also wish to publicly thank the Central Office staff and all principals for their many contributions.

Through the cooperative efforts of David Greenberg, our Technology Director, two highly skilled Franklin County Technical students, and two very talented instructional specialists, technology is being used as a tool to facilitate student learning. More and more students are coming to school with the skill and knowledge to use technology as a resource to promote their own learning. Many teachers are finding innovating ways to incorporate computer technology into curriculum. As a motivating and supplemental resource, computer technology is providing additional enriched learning opportunities for our students. It is simply amazing to see what students are capable of achieving, even in the primary grades. Our teachers deserve great recognition for the miracles that they perform daily in their classroom.

Some teachers have created web pages linked to educational sites for their students to explore and do research. Some students have been involved in distance learning opportunities, while others are using specialized software programs to complete assignments and give presentations. We should expand these wonderful learning opportunities. To learn more about what is happening in the district you are encouraged to visit the Mohawk website at: www.mohawk.k14.mass.edu In addition, each school has a web page as well. Please visit these sites.

Teachers in the district are working very hard to implement the curriculum contained in the state curriculum framework and the district curriculum. There is much being said and written about new standards and accountability for students. Although I applaud these efforts, it is difficult to measure the success of our programs and student learning on the basis of one test, namely Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Such narrowly defined learning objectives have the potential to reduce enriched learning opportunities for our students. I am concerned that using a single measure test will encourage teachers to focus on teaching to the test rather than continuing to engage our students in rich learning opportunities. Therefore, although I support the concept of raising student achievement, I remain guarded against using a single measure approach in determining the success or failure of our students, teachers, and school district. Nevertheless, we will continue to use MCAS as one indicator in assessing our progress. Beginning in the year 2001, tenth graders will have to pass this test in order to graduate in the year 2003, in addition to satisfying local high school require-

ments. We will continue to work with all students to ensure a high school diploma is earned.

Due to two generous contributions made by Rowe residents to the Mohawk Trail Regional High School's computer labs, students now have access to exceptional learning resources. These additional dollars made possible the purchase of greatly needed equipment in order to prepare students for the present and future. A plaque is displayed in the Middle School lab recognizing the town of Rowe. Many thanks to all Rowe residents for your vision in providing more learning opportunities for all students. As an informational note, beginning in the spring of 2001, the track will also be upgraded.

Through the coordinated efforts of Dot Lyman, administrators, coordinators and other staff members, the district received slightly over one million dollars in grant funding in the areas of special education, preschool, health, professional development, technology, after-school programs, community service and curriculum development. This supplemental funding has helped the district provide professional development opportunities for staff, align the district's curriculum to the frameworks, purchase student materials to support curriculum changes, and offer additional services to the children in our district. This would not be possible without these supplemental grant funds. Students benefit in many ways from these additional dollars. I very much appreciate the efforts of these in-district "grant writers."

Lynne Connors of Shelburne serves as chairperson of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee. Under her leadership, with the cooperation of all members, the school district continues to make progress in a number of areas. She has handled the challenge of working with a committee that has seen significant turnover in its membership. Presently, a review of parity and equity issues within the district is being addressed. An operational audit will provide better guidelines to assist Central Office staff in performing their responsibilities in a more efficient manner. District officials are working with the committee to identify and establish standard for all students.

Thanks to the efforts of the policy subcommittee, chaired by Peggy Hart of Buckland, the district has established a number of new policies to help govern the business of the district. This subcommittee established policies on student activity accounts, guidelines for student volunteers, updated the immunization policy, established a drug free, tobacco free, and alcohol free workplace, and a equal employment policy. This committee is also working on a community use of facilities policy and a vocational educational policy. In addition, the subcommittee is reviewing procedures relating to athletic programs.

Richard Ohmann of Hawley chaired the Education subcommittee. This subcommittee assisted the school committee in setting long range priorities to be incorporated into the District Wide Goals for 2000-2002. These goals include: 1) that by grade three, each student will be a discerning writer and reader; 2) that the Middle School programs and administrative structure be reviewed and recommendations presented; and 3) that the committee study what students are actually achieving, explore ways to assess their achievement, compare their achievement to professed standards, and begin work on raising standards. A fourth goal of using computer technology to facilitate learning was recommended by the superintendent, endorsed by the subcommittee and approved by the school committee. The Education subcommittee is working with administrators and school personnel to accomplish these and other goals.

Betsey Howes of Plainfield chaired the Personnel Subcommittee. This subcommittee works on school employee related issues and makes recommendations to the full School Committee. Next year they will be working on developing a school employee handbook.

Raz Parra chaired the Transportation Subcommittee. This committee addresses parent's transportation requests rather than complaints, since many of the issues raised are either a matter of already established district policy and/or state statutes pertaining to school transportation. The service

provided by Liebenow Transportation under Norm Beckwith's management has continued to be very good, along with the high level of care and professionalism provided by their drivers. Doug Mollison is the Director of Transportation and pursues matters related to transportation. Parents are reminded to frequently talk with their children about bus safety and proper behavior while at the bus stop, boarding, riding, and exiting the bus. This subcommittee is now being chaired by Chet Mitchell of Colrain.

Under the leadership of Frank Brower of Heath who chaired the FY 01 budget subcommittee, a number of revisions were made until a final budget was adopted prior to Town Meetings in May. Many stakeholders were involved in the process, including town representatives. Dudley Williams of Plainfield is chairing the budget subcommittee for the FY 02 budget. This subcommittee began the process of developing a budget in October with school officials. This process will remain an open process, including involvement of Mohawk Municipal Advisory Council (MMAC). The community is invited to attend these very important subcommittee meetings.

This district continues to provide a wide variety of services as part of its comprehensive school health program. These areas include health services, counseling and psychological services, school lunch programs, comprehensive Pre-K through 12 health education curriculum development, healthful school environment programs and community health promotion initiatives. These initiatives are supported by eight related grants. We are fortunate to have a registered nurse certified by the Massachusetts Department of Education in each school.

We are proud of the academic achievements of our students. Approximately 75% of our students go on to attend 2 or 4-year colleges. We have many talented students who excel academically, athletically, musically, and in many other areas. We are proud of all our students.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Matthieu Moss received the superintendent's award for academic achievement, athleticism and community service. He is an excellent choice for this prestigious award. His grade point average, community service, and participation in sports and extra-curricular activities are exceptionally outstanding. But Matthieu is not alone. He is a shining example of a very talented student population.

For example, Bryanna Glod, a junior at Mohawk, participated in the May 2000 International Science Fair in Detroit, Michigan (42 countries). She placed 1st in the high school science fair and 1st in the University of Massachusetts Regional Science Fair and qualified for the MIT State Science Fair. Neal Graves received the National Merit commendation in mathematics. Five students, Vincent Guingona, Matt Moss, Max Piana, Seth May and Joe Lively qualified for Ivy League colleges and universities based on their SAT scores. The English Department reported that 100% of last year's class taking the national exam achieved a score of 3 or better which allows for college credit for



Indian Museum - l-r: Bryan White, Amber Coburn, Capri Bryant, Nancy Phelps

advanced placement courses. David Burnham, Ike Purington, Morgan Ridler, Alexio Digre and Abigail Lively received special recognition for their stellar performance on the MCAS test.

Many teachers are also excelling in their field. For example, Will Kiendzior was awarded the Earth Science Teacher of the Year for New England. Neil Potter, who served in the science department for 37 years retired. However, Mohawk's National Honor Society renamed its charter in recognition of his outstanding contributions over the years. I could go on and on, but I am sure the teachers would prefer that I focus on their students.

Many talented music students, under the direction of Nick Waynelovich and Scott Bryant, continue to excel. The music department won many awards in the Florida National Competition including: first place in high school chorus, men's chorus, women's chorus, select chorus, concert band, percussion ensemble, and color guard. They received second place for the dance band and walked away as the grand champion in the choral, concert band. The Mohawk Music Department just celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a Middle School Musical performance of "Oliver" to a sell-out crowd. Six music students were entered into the Western District Music Festival, four students qualified for the Massachusetts All State Musical Festival and one student was recommended for All-Eastern Musical Festival.

In the related arts, Matt Boron and Laurie Donelson entered their gingerbread houses in a Home and Gardens Contest. Beth Cannon received a scholarship to the New England Culinary School. Danielle Schatz won a 4-H State award for clothing construction. The students in the Mohawk Metal Shop are participating in a newly formed program called Mohawk Works and are restoring two silos just off Upper Buckland Rd. The Boston Globe Art Awards is a state wide competition leading to a national competition. Three students from middle school received awards: Siobhan Herman (gold) Kate Severance (silver) and Sam Sylvester (honorable mention). Scooter Powell, a sophomore, earned a silver award and Cortney Powell, a sophomore received a silver award.

Mohawk continues to receive notoriety in the sports arena. The Mohawk High School Athletic Program has been showing increased participation rates this year. The fall and spring seasons each had approximately 300 students involved and the winter teams had over 200 students playing. Several of the teams have been quite successful. Last year Mohawk teams won more league championships than any other Division II school in the PVIAC (Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference). The Girls and Boys Cross Country, Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing, and Boys Track teams won league championships. The Boys Cross Country team

won the State Championship for the second consecutive year and several other teams have qualified for Western Mass. Tournament play.

Participation in co-curricular activities such as sports and music are a very important part of the total educational experience for students at Mohawk. Studies have shown that students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems than students generally. As the National Federation of State High School Associations states, "sports and fine arts activities promote citizenship and sportsmanship. They instill a sense of pride in community, teach lifelong lessons of teamwork and self-discipline and facilitate the physical and emotional development of our nation's youth." My hope is that in the future we will be able to provide the opportunity for all students who wish to participate in these activities. Recognition and appreciation is extended to all our coaches, volunteers and staff for their support. In addition, special recognition is given to John Wheeler, our Athletic Director, for his outstanding efforts coordinating events and improving the quality of the sports programs in general. For all updated Sports and Music Schedules visit us on the Internet at <http://mohawk.k14.mass.edu/highschool>.

This is an exciting time in education and I encourage each of you to become strong advocates and supporters of providing a quality learning experience for our children. Educating our children continues to be the single most important investment in our future. Let's continue to work together in preparing our children for the challenges that await them. The world is changing so rapidly that our kindergarten students will graduate from high school in a world quite different from when they began their education. Our challenge is to help them prepare for this rapidly changing world.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to town officials for their support, to you for freely expressing your concerns regarding school-related issues and for financially supporting the resources to sustain these exciting learning opportunities in our schools. Also, I would like to thank your school committee representative, Margaret Woodside for her many contributions and hours of service. These are wonderful communities and the Mohawk Trail Regional School District is an exciting, challenging, and rewarding school system in which to work. I consider myself most fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as your superintendent and look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan D. Genovese, Superintendent

Mohawk Trail Regional High School Principal

It is my pleasure to present my twentieth annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional School. This year is marked by the beginning of our faculty's work on the 10-year accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We anticipate a team of fifteen educators visiting the school for four days in October 2002.

To prepare for the accreditation, the school has revised its mission statement based upon extensive surveys of community, parents, students and faculty. Learning expectations, which are measurable, are being developed in departments. These school wide expectations will be a part of each curriculum document.

The building and renovation project is complete. Fundraising by the Mary Lyon Education Fund has concluded and the installation of a new all weather track around the football field will commence in June 2001. The school community is grateful for all the assistance provided the school in obtaining the money necessary to make Mohawk a state-of-the-art facility.

This school year opened with a level enrollment compared to the past two years. We received 28 students under the School Choice plan from our neighboring towns. This will mean that the school will sustain a growth of 120 students in the past seven years and we will have a total population of over 850 students. We anticipate this enrollment will be level for the next several years.

The faculty continues work to insure that all students are successful on the MCAS. With this year's Class of 2003 (10th grade), students must successfully pass the MCAS in

areas of English and mathematics in order to receive a Mohawk diploma. In addition to a continual examination of our curriculum and our instructional practices, we have obtained a grant to provide after-school MCAS tutoring to students who possess weaker skills.

Our athletic programs continue to build and grow in size. Several teams have gone to state tournaments. We have been able to institute a Winter Track program this year and are confident of its success. As more football and soccer games are played "under the lights," we have seen attendance more than double. Field hockey games in the evening were added in the fall of 2000. The middle school musical, "Oliver" was a great success and sold out the auditorium repeatedly. Over 1,800 people viewed the musical. The all-school musical "Singing in the Rain" is now in production for performance in the spring. Music students have performed at the State House twice this year and Select Chorus recorded at St. John the Divine Cathedral in NY. The new TV Studio course has begun to air Mohawk television productions on local cable.

The Government and Law course hosted a debate for state representative candidates this fall that was attended by many in the community. A revitalized school newspaper began publication in January 2001 under the leadership of Ginny Ray of the Recorder. Cooperative educational endeavors were initiated with UMASS and GCC.

We thank our communities for their continued support of education programs and facilities improvement at Mohawk.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip A. Dzialo, Principal

School Library/Media Report

During the course of the past three decades it has been my distinct pleasure to serve as library supervisor for the schools in this district. These thirty years have borne witness to the phenomenal growth and development of our library/media services program. In the 1970s individual foundations for our substantial collections were built book by book, school by school. In each building a library/media center was established; at first some existed in classrooms, closets or hallways, but ultimately each school realized the benefits of a strong, comprehensive library. A library position was created in each school to manage the collection and programs on a daily basis.

With the advent of individualized instruction in the 1980s, collection development reached a pinnacle, and the inter-library loan system among schools flourished. By the end of the decade circulation statistics rose dramatically, keeping pace with the increasing demands of the curriculum. For example, the total school district circulation for all print and non-print material for 1989 was 45,560 items! The decade of the 90s ushered in the exciting new era of online computerization for our significant collections, providing greater efficiency in all areas of operation and communication. The establishment of the Heath School Library with Library Manager Wanda Musacchio was a major accomplishment. Extensive professional development and the acquisition of the latest technological equipment characterized the times.

The most important key to the success of our library/media programs has been the exceptional devotion and

dedication of the staff. For the year 2000 the following staff members served in our respective school district libraries:

- Buckland-Shelburne Regional - Toni Wilcox
- Colrain Central School - Eugenie Lynch
- Hawlemont Elementary School - Candace Cross
- Heath Elementary School - Wanda Musacchio
- Rowe Elementary School - Colleen King
- Sanderson Academy - Beverly Williams, Amanda Adams
- Mohawk Trail Regional School - Judy Willis, Carrie Ferretti, Marge Porrovecchio, Susan Silvester

Circulation statistics for the millennium year 2000 maintained a high average in the district, emphasizing once again that the utilization of computers in our schools has underscored the importance of print material in education, providing faster and more efficient access to books. The following district-wide cumulative statistics reflect the year's activity:

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| Print Material | 37,936 |
| Non-Print Material | 1,381 |
| Inter-Library Loan Material Borrowed | 453 |
| Total Circulation for 7 Schools | 39,770 |

Respectfully submitted,
Susan B. Silvester, Ed.D.
Director of Instructional Media K-12

Department of Special Education

The December 1, 2000 Child Count figures indicate that there are 279 students receiving special education services in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District which, is 17% of the total school population. There are 26 students receiving special education services in the Hawlemont Regional School District, which is 16% of the total school population. There are 10 students receiving special education services in the Rowe Elementary School, which is 19% of the total school population. These are all below the State average. Most services are being provided in the home school district of the children, although we do have a few out of district placements, and school choice students who are special education eligible.

The new Special Education Regulations now require that students be specifically identified with a disability to be special education eligible. Children already identified will be evaluated through the new Regulations as their next reevaluation becomes due over the next three years. The recognized areas of disability are autism, developmental delay (up to age 9), intellectual impairment, sensory (hearing, vision, deaf-blind), neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disability, and health impairment.

The Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont, and Rowe Districts provide special education services to preschool students ages 3-5 within the Districts integrated preschools. For children in these programs, the Early Childhood Coordinator acts as the liaison with outside agencies referring children for our services. She also convenes the IEP meetings for children ages 3-5, does some of the testing and screening, writes the IEPs, and acts as a resource person to the parents. She also coordinates the transition into kindergarten.

System-wide services are provided throughout the three districts. These services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, assistive technology, counseling, and psychological evaluations. We also have an integration specialist.

Most of the special education students in all of our schools receive their basic education in the general classroom, only going to the resource room for specific instruction. Some children do receive all of their basic instruction in the resource room. Each of our schools has at least one resource room. This is determined by the needs of the children. Mohawk Trail Regional Middle School & High School have three separate classrooms, in which the students spend most of their day. Students in these rooms leave only for specific classes. Additionally we have a Language Based Program, designed to remediate the effects of their disabilities. We have one elementary age separate classroom at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School, which is operated in partnership with the Center for Crisis Intervention.

All of these staff members create teams of people in each building who work together to provide preventative support to students who are having difficulty in the classroom. They also provide evaluations for students who are referred for special education consideration, and provide services once found eligible. Meetings are convened and IEPs prepared by the liaisons.

In addition to contact with the liaisons, therapists, and teachers, parents meet through the Parent Advisory Council.

This year we begin the challenge of working with the new Regulations, and trying to make the new Individual Education Program meetings more efficient, as we struggle with the new State mandated format.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Morgan
Director of Pupil Personnel
Services

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Combined Balance Sheet - June 30, 2000

| | Governmental Fund Types | | Proprietary Fund Type | | Fiduciary Fund Type | A/C Group | Total |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | General | Special Revenue | Capital Projects | Debt Service | Internal Service | General Long Term Debt | (Memo) Only |
| Assets | | | | | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 1,589,901 | 726,597 | 164,611 | 1,011,241 | 59,449 | | 3,778,131 |
| Investments | | | | | | | 741,886 |
| Due from other governments | 25,485 | 39,700 | | | | | 65,185 |
| Amount to be provided for payment of long-term debt | | | | | | 6,893,257 | 6,893,257 |
| Amount to be provided by State | | | | | | 17,792,499 | 17,792,499 |
| Total Assets | 1,615,386 | 766,297 | 164,611 | 1,011,241 | 59,449 | 24,685,756 | 29,270,958 |
| Liabilities and Fund Equity | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Payable | 85,309 | | | | | | 154,522 |
| Accrued Payroll & Withholdings Payable | 663,166 | 69,213 | | | | | 663,166 |
| Other Liabilities | 520 | | | | | | 118,201 |
| Notes Payable | | | | | | 59,200 | 59,200 |
| Capital Leases | | | | | | 122,616 | 122,616 |
| Bonds Payable | | | | | | 24,440,000 | 24,440,000 |
| Early Retirement Incentive | | | | | | 63,940 | 63,940 |
| Total Liabilities | 748,995 | 69,213 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,685,756 | 25,621,645 |
| Fund Equity: | | | | | | | |
| Retained Earnings | | | | | 59,449 | | 59,449 |
| Fund Balances | | | | | | | 0 |
| Reserved for Encumbrances | 8,948 | | | | | | 8,948 |
| Reserved for Expenditures | 288,330 | | | | | | 288,330 |
| Reserved for Endowments | | | | | | 628,252 | 628,252 |
| Unreserved, designated | 131,389 | | | | | | 131,389 |
| Unreserved, (undesignated) | 437,724 | 697,084 | 164,611 | 1,011,241 | | | 2,532,945 |
| Total Fund Equity | 866,391 | 697,084 | 164,611 | 1,011,241 | 59,449 | 0 | 3,649,313 |
| Total Liability and Fund Equity | 1,615,386 | 766,297 | 164,611 | 1,011,241 | 59,449 | 24,685,756 | 29,270,958 |

Mary Lyon Education Fund, Inc.

In the year 2000 the Mary Lyon Education Fund is poised to celebrate its tenth anniversary as a community-based, 501©3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting excellence in local public education.

Serving on the Board of Directors are the following community representatives: Marion Taylor, President, Carolyn Jarmulowicz and Hugh Knox, Vice Presidents, John Baldwin, Treasurer, Sharon Hudson, Secretary, John Lawless, Winston Healy, Barbara Bishop, Dick Burrows, Matthew Cole, Lynn Dole, Michael Garfield-Wright, Alan Genovese, Gerri Johnson, David Neil, Curtis Rich, and Tom Ulrich as well as Mohawk student representatives Mariko Howe and Levi Roman. Bruce Willard is an honorary lifetime member, and Karen Roach is office manager. Program directors include Toni Wilcox, Judy McWilliams and John Bos. The Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of each month at the 6 Water Street office in Shelburne Falls.

This past year was witness to the culmination of a highly successful, multi-year capital campaign extravaganza to benefit the Heath Elementary School, Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Buckland-Shelburne Regional School, Sanderson Academy and Colrain Central Schools. A total of \$677,000 was raised for the schools, then matched in a 3 to 1 ratio by the State for the acquisition of new science and photography equipment, digital cameras, stage curtains, television studio equipment, playground structures, computer labs, library books, audio-visual equipment, and a new track at the high school. This major achievement was

made possible through the efforts of countless community members with special acknowledgment to Doug Wilkins and Marion Taylor.

Programs sponsored by the Mary Lyon Education Fund, frequently in partnership with other organizations, include the Comprehensive School Health Initiative funded by the Centers for Disease Control, Mini-Grants for teachers, Children's Literature Festival, summer tennis lessons, Student Assistance Fund which benefits needy children in our school district, West County Classroom enrichment classes, annual Gift Catalog which provides an avenue for classroom contributions, in-service programs and professional development opportunities for teachers. Such initiatives as the Back Door Teen Center and UNYTE ecology program at the high school were nurtured by the MLEF and are now successful independent programs. Donations to the Mary Lyon Education Fund benefit these programs and provide organizational capacity for the expansion of existing projects as well as the development of new ones. Ideas and suggestions from the community are especially welcome.

The Mary Lyon Education Fund is proud to help serve the educational needs of the schools and communities of West County.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan B. Silvester, Ed.D.
Executive Director

Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year the Awards subcommittee read 119 applications. Forty-seven were from Seniors and 72 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$41,200 was to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The committee feels that the seniors have ample scholarship funds awarded from other sources while graduates have far fewer resources. 35 scholarships totaling \$13,300 were awarded to seniors (75% of applicants). Two scholarships totaling \$27,700 were given to graduates (74% of applicants). The awards committee was: Cindy Laffond (Rowe), Pauline Mills (Buckland), Marge Porrevecchio (Charlemont), Marion Scott (Buckland), Alicia Tripp (Heath).

From 1991 - 2000: \$109,675 has been awarded to Mohawk Seniors. \$238,875 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates for total scholarship amounts of \$348, 550.

Other members of the committee are John Ratte, Frank Brower, Joan Schiffer, Carolyn Taylor Jarmulowicz, Richard Bole, David Engle.

The committee wishes to thanks Armand "Joe" LaBelle for his many years of service to the committee.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for students of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The members of the committee are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Taylor Jarmulowicz
Secretary

Franklin County Technical School

The administration and the School Committee of the Franklin County Technical School are proud to submit the Annual Report for 2000. The October 1, 2000 enrollment figures are as follows:

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|--------------|----|
| Bernardston | 23 | Deerfield | 21 |
| Northfield | 23 | Warwick | 11 |
| Heath | 11 | Buckland | 15 |
| Erving | 4 | Leyden | 7 |
| Orange | 66 | Wendell | 6 |
| Colrain | 27 | Gill | 7 |
| Montague | 78 | Shelburne | 12 |
| Whately | 4 | Conway | 17 |
| Greenfield | 142 | Salem | 8 |
| Sunderland | 7 | Non-District | 18 |

In June 2000, 88 students graduated from our 13 vocational programs. Of those graduates:

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Entered Work Force | 59 |
| Continued Education | 25 |
| Entered Military | 4 |

Our work cooperative programs continue to be an effective way to train our students for the work force while responding to the needs of local businesses and industry. In school year 1999-2000, 27% of the senior class was on Coop. As of December 4, 2000, 29% of the class of 2001 is participating in the program with a projection figure of 40% by graduation.

The Franklin County Technical School continues to be involved in community service projects. Because we were not involved in a house-building project during 1999-2000, our community efforts were extensive:

Bernardston - Worked on plumbing at the Town Hall, raised soil pipe at the Powers Institute; prepared food for the Seniors Legislative breakfast.

Buckland - Did mechanical repairs and body work on the Blazer Response Vehicle.

Greenfield - Assisted in remodeling of the fire station; landscaped the Veterans' Memorial Mall; prepared food for the Senior Center Appreciation Dinner.

Heath - Created an outdoor musical instrument area for the playground.

Montague - Completed the airport building; pruned trees on Avenue A, put in a lawn for the Water Department; major plumbing renovation for a kitchen in St. Anne's; prepared food for the Senior Center Appreciation Dinner.

Mohawk Trail Regional School - Wired the new video studio.

Sunderland - Fabricated a sign for the landfill.

Franklin County - Hosted and prepared food for Chamber of Commerce breakfast and the Rotary Club Italian Dinner.

In 2000, noteworthy student achievements occurred in the academic, vocational and athletic arenas. One of the graduates from Bernardston was named a University of Massachusetts scholar and received a full, four-year scholarship to that school. In June 2000, two students excelled at the National Skills USA-VICA championship in Kansas City, where 4,000 students competed. A Computer Cluster Program junior from Shelburne placed fifth in a national contest in Technical Computer Applications and a Greenfield senior in the School's Culinary Arts Program placed eleventh among forty-eight students from other states. Athletically, the Girls' Basketball Team tied for first place in the Tri-County League, the Softball Team participated in the Western Mass. Tournament and the Girls' Field Hockey Team won the Sportsmanship Award for their 2000 season. The crowning victory for the athletic program occurred in the fall of 2000, when the Girls' Volleyball team became the Massachusetts State Vocational School champions.

The year 2000 was filled with numerous challenges for the F.C.T.S. community. We met those challenges admirably while continuing to provide our students with the best programs possible. State MCAS scores unfortunately and unfairly do not reflect the outstanding talents of our students and staff. We wish to sincerely thank you for your continued support and appreciate your faith in us.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford J. Fournier,
School Committee Chairman

Patricia J. Bassett,
Interim Superintendent/Principal

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to report on our accomplishments in the past year. We continued to strengthen the services that we provided to our region and its municipalities in 2000. The core assessment paid by our member towns, totaling \$363,000, leveraged nearly \$3 million in products, projects, and services for our region. We provided a broad array of advocacy, planning, and community health services as well as Fee for Service programs that communities can access for technical assistance meeting a variety of municipal needs. Highlights from 2000 included:

- A four-part workshop series on municipal financial management.
- Additional workshops including a seminar about completing ADA Self Evaluations and Transition Plans, a workshop for animal control officers, and a presentation and discussion with the region's Economic and Industrial Development Corporations (EDICs).
- We helped all Franklin County towns receive housing certification as required under Executive Order 418.
- We advocated for the restoration of a stable \$150 million program for local road maintenance and worked with Representative Stephen Kulik in the creation of the proposed Local Roads Trust Fund.
- We sat on the Commissioner's Task Force for Local and Historic Roads and strongly advocated for changes to Mass Highway's road design process.
- We facilitated the formation of the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee at the request of our towns.
- We formed an Education Reform Task Force and created a position paper documenting proposed changes to the Ed Reform formula that will be presented to our legislative delegation this year.
- We facilitated the federally required process and created the Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document that identifies and prioritizes regional economic development projects. We also advocated for the top two ranked projects, the Colle Opera House in Montague and the Food Processing Center Kitchen, to receive federal EDA funding.
- With the help of our legislative delegation, we moved forward a two-part effort to improve the telecommunications infrastructure in Franklin County. The formation of the Franklin Connect Committee and a technical study to be completed for the committee will be a large focus for 2001.
- Planning staff worked on build-out analyses for all Franklin County towns, created the 2000 Regional Transportation Plan, began an intensive regional open space planning project, and provided other important transportation, land use, natural resources, and economic development planning for our towns and the region.
- Our Community Coalition for Teens program expanded and is now providing substance use and abuse prevention programs for youths throughout the region in addition to its other teen-related efforts.
- The Tobacco Free GFC program also expanded in 2000 and is now offering a tobacco cessation treatment program in concert with other cessation programs around the region.
- The Purchasing Program created highway products and services contracts that 21 towns are participating in, created a #2 fuel oil, diesel and gasoline contract that 11 towns and 1 district is a part of, and expanded to offer school furniture bids.
- The Engineering program offered engineering, survey, and environmental permitting services to twelve towns in 2000.
- The Resource Development Program offered workshops and wrote grants that brought \$675,000 to the region in 2000.
- The Community health program provided home health and safety assessments to residents; health inspection services to sixteen Franklin County towns; and provided continuing education to Boards of Health through regularly scheduled workshops and trainings.

This is but a small representation of our accomplishments in 2000. We are proud of the work that we do to serve the Franklin County region and its 26 municipalities and look forward to offering the same.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, compostables, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses. Our assistance can be general in nature – filling out paperwork required by the state – or specific – helping a town design its transfer station or solve a particular problem.

In addition to the above services, the District continues to oversee the operation of four permanent collection sites for common household hazardous wastes - oil-based paint and paint-related products, used motor oil, oil filters, anti-freeze, fluorescent lights, ballasts, and rechargeable batteries. These sites are open year-round to all District residents. There is a small disposal fee. The sites are located in Bernardston, Colrain, Conway, and Orange.

In 2000, the District was able to secure recycling equipment through a state grant for Charlemont, Deerfield, Shelburne, and Sunderland. The District also helped towns meet state requirements for a recycling incentive program. By meeting the state requirements for this program, towns were paid for every ton of material recycled. The state paid just over \$46,000 to seventeen District towns through this program!

In 2000, District towns recycled 2,567 tons of paper and 1,047 tons of mixed containers. By diverting 3,614 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns

collectively saved approximately \$245,000 in disposal costs. The best news is that towns got paid for their recyclables for the first time in many years. Almost \$24,000 was distributed to District towns based upon market conditions for the year. Congratulations! Your recycling efforts have truly paid off!

The District held two household hazardous waste collections in 2000; one in May and one in September. Together, the two collections served 480 households and 9 businesses. We collected almost 1,500 gallons of used motor oil, 175 automotive batteries, and 400 fluorescent lamps. The remaining hazardous waste totaled over 20 tons – all diverted from the trash.

Other District activities in 2000 included school educational presentations on recycling; distribution of backyard compost bins, recycling bins, and used oil collection containers; and acquiring new signs for town recycling programs.

Projects slated for 2001 include regional collections for tires, appliances, and bulky items such as furniture; our annual hazardous waste collection; and researching ways to reduce solid waste management costs to towns.

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 413-772-2438;

e-mail us at fcswmd@crocker.com or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen, Administrator
Jessica Rajotte, Sunderland, Vice Chair
Scott McKusick, Bernardston, Chair
Bill Obear, Whately, Treasurer

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Franklin County
Massachusetts

